

# Tuckahoe Garden Club

## Fresh Cuts From Kelly



The simple gifts are often the best. This Christmas my family gave me a beautiful birdhouse, which we hung in a thorny holly tree just outside my kitchen window. After installing it, I wondered how the birds were going to find this food source amidst all the wild landscape around, and how would they navigate this prickly location? In just a few short days, the birds started coming. All sorts of birds now greet me each day outside the kitchen and it brings joy to my day. The small, simple joys in our daily life is the life of a gardener and I celebrate in sharing these joys with each of you as we enter a new year.

Peace to you and your family in 2023, and lots of simply joys. ~Kelly

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## Upcoming Program and Calendar Events

### **January 18, 2023 (Wednesday) Joint Meeting with James River Garden Club**

**Program:** Dede Petri, CEO and president of NAOP (National Association of Olmsted Parks/ Olmsted 200) and Past President of The Garden Club of America "Parks for All People". Dede will share the guiding principles of America's first landscape architect and why he remains relevant today. Also hear from GCA member Gay Legg, from St. George's Garden

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Auditorium; 1800 Lakeside Avenue

**Time:** Refreshments 9 a.m. & program at 9:30 a.m.

**Hostesses:** \*Lisa Elliott, Liza Cabell

*No Exhibits*

### **February 15, 2023 (Wednesday)**

**Program:** Leslie Harris, Horticulturalist from Charlottesville, "Thoughtful Gardening: Balancing Beauty, Fun and Awareness"

Get inspired and make plans to get your garden ready for Spring.

**Place:** Home of Linda Hanson 215 Amphill Road

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Meeting

**Hostesses:** \*Jennifer Sisk, Chandler Klevana, Maria Reed, Molly Revere, Caroline Williams

### **Artistic Exhibits:**

Class I: "Spring Is Near" - Using the earliest spring bloomers, flower bulbs, and hellebores, design a cheerful arrangement that reassures us winter is nearly over. Container of your choosing.

Class II: "Miniature and Small Arrangements" - Create a miniature arrangement that does not exceed five inches in any direction. Containers should not dominate the design and may include small vases, such as perfume bottles, saltcellars, snuff boxes. Natural materials: shells, driftwood, stones may be included. Some successful plant materials include; lily of the valley, miniature roses, violets, herbs.

Class III: "Love Is In the Air" - Design a floral piece that expresses your love for your beloved: a spouse, child, family member, friend, or pet by using a container that has been lovingly passed on to you by previous generations.

### **Horticulture:**

Class I: Hellebores – Specimen or Collection

Class II: Early Bulbs – Specimen or Collection

Class III: Forced Branch - Specimen

Class IV: Native Branch – Specimen or Collection

### **Photography Exhibits:**

Class I: Winters Calm. Submit a photograph of a quiet winter scene.

Class II: Early Ephemerals. Submit a photograph you have taken of the harbingers of spring like crocus, hellebores, snowdrops, etc.

Class III: Feathers in February. Submit a photograph of a bird in nature.

## HAND PICKED THIS MONTH

### IMPORTANT DATES

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Home of Kelly Armstrong

Friday, January 13th

Zone VII Bulletin deadline

*If you would like to share a club activity with the GCA Bulletin, this is our deadline for submission*

Tuesday, January 17th

9:00 a.m. New Member Orientation

Home of Anastasia Seevers for all on Membership Committee

Wednesday, January 18th

9:30 a.m. Joint Meeting with James River Garden Club

Refreshments beginning at 9 a.m.

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

Friday, January 20th

10:00 a.m. Community Engagement Meeting

Science Museum of Virginia

Monday, January 23rd

2:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

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## Membership Highlights



**We were delighted to welcome our 6 new members at our holiday party in December!**

Catherine Driscoll  
Margaret Ivey  
Caroline Packard  
Kay Pangraze

## Wreath Workshop & Holiday Lunch



Montague, Chris Shands and Shelly Wiltshire for a fabulous Holiday Lunch and Sale. On Dec 6th, 30 members gathered for the annual Wreath Workshop, where Lisa Brennan instructed us on how to make our own wreaths with greens from our yards. Scottie Slater and Meredith Arendale were our "Bow Queens" showing us each how to tie the most beautiful bows for our wreaths. On Dec 7th, Members and Sustainers gathered for lunch and sale at Lisa's beautifully decorated home. Many thanks to our lunch hostesses Lynne Brooke, Meredith Arendale, Anastasia SeEVERS and Katherine Salt. We so enjoyed the TGC Holiday Ornament centerpiece created by Katherine! Also, many thanks to all the members who provided sale merchandise especially our in-club vendors Melinda Smith, Christina McCoy, Chris Shands, Caroline Williams, Lisa Brennan, and Anne Poarch.



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## Conservation

The 2023 General Assembly session begins on Jan. 11, but GCV members don't need to wait until then to contact their legislators regarding environmental concerns. Please call or write a note to your legislator now wishing them the best in 2023 and thanking your Senator or Delegate for keeping the environment in mind. Sample email link is [HERE](#).

### **2023 GCV Conservation and Environmental Studies Fellowship Now Open for Applications. Due Feb. 1, 2023**

If you know an undergraduate or graduate student in Virginia who is pursuing conservation or environmental studies, please click [HERE](#) for the GCV Fellowship application to share.

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## GCA 2023 Virtual Photography Conference

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Please join GCA on Thursday, January 26th, and come prepared to be enchanted, educated, and empowered through visual storytelling guided by each of our speaker's thoughtful approaches to composition, creative inspiration, purposeful framing, and documentation.

The day will consist of two sessions:

- Morning session - 11 am ET and breaks at 1:30 pm ET.
- Afternoon session - 3 pm ET and concludes at 5:15 pm ET.

We encourage GCA photographers, photography judges, floral designers, horticulturists, botanical artists, and conservationists to join us as we share stories sure capture the attention of everyone who loves a good tale.

More information and registration can be found [HERE](#).

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## GCA Virtual Judging



## 2023 GCA VIRTUAL JUDGING WORKSHOP

*For the Love of Judging.*

All are invited to come together across the country for The Garden Club of America's 2023 Judging Workshop, an online event.

The goal of the workshop is to increase knowledge of judging and exhibiting in floral design, horticulture, photography, and botanical arts.

Attendance at a ten-hour judging workshop is required every two years for judges to remain in good standing. This five-hour virtual judging workshop will cover the requirement for the 2022-2023 year.

Judges can register to attend all four workshops – Floral Design, Horticulture, Photography, and Botanical Arts – but judges must register and attend their judging discipline to receive credit.

All workshop selections must be made in the initial registration. If you are a judge in more than one discipline, you will be able to select all sessions you need to attend within the one registration.

**Monday, February 6:**

Floral Design Judging Workshop 11:00 a.m. - 4:00p.m.

**Tuesday, February 7:**

Horticulture Judging Workshop 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 8:**

Photography Judging Workshop 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

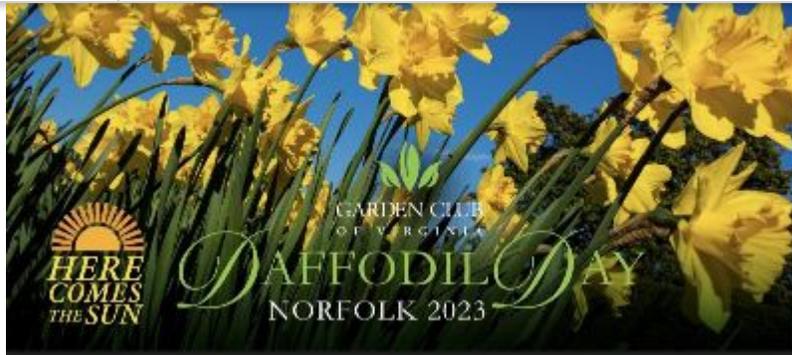
**Thursday, February 9:**

Botanical Arts Judging Workshop 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Last day to register is February 2. Click [HERE](#) for more information and registration.**

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## Daffodil Day 2023

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**March 29, 2023; 2-5 p.m.**  
**Norfolk Botanical Garden**  
**6700 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, VA 23518**

As the days of winter drag on, we long for more sunlight to nudge the first blooms of spring. Join us to see an abundance of these early bloomers at the Garden Club of Virginia's 89th Daffodil Day, which carries the theme "Here Comes the Sun."

As one of the nation's largest daffodil shows, an estimated 2,000 daffodil specimens will be featured, along with 40 floral arrangements and an eye-catching photography show. The horticulture show will be judged by American Daffodil Society judges, and the artistic design and photography shows will be judged by Garden Club of Virginia judges.

Daffodils will be showcased in a wide variety of "sunny" floral arrangements that interpret "The Sun King" in the Early French Baroque style; "The Sun Also Rises" in the Phoenix style, and "Keep Your Sunny Side Up" in the Casual Contemporary style, and more.

Schedule and Registration [Here](#)

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## Member Support

**Missing a meeting?** Please mail Penny Peebles at [penpeebles@aol.com](mailto:penpeebles@aol.com) before the meeting.

**Have a great picture for the newsletter or website?** Send to Caroline Marvel at [carolinemarvel@gmail.com](mailto:carolinemarvel@gmail.com)

**Need to send an email to the Membership?** Send a draft to Betsy Carney at [betscarney@gmail.com](mailto:betscarney@gmail.com) and Kelly Armstrong at [kellyarm@me.com](mailto:kellyarm@me.com)

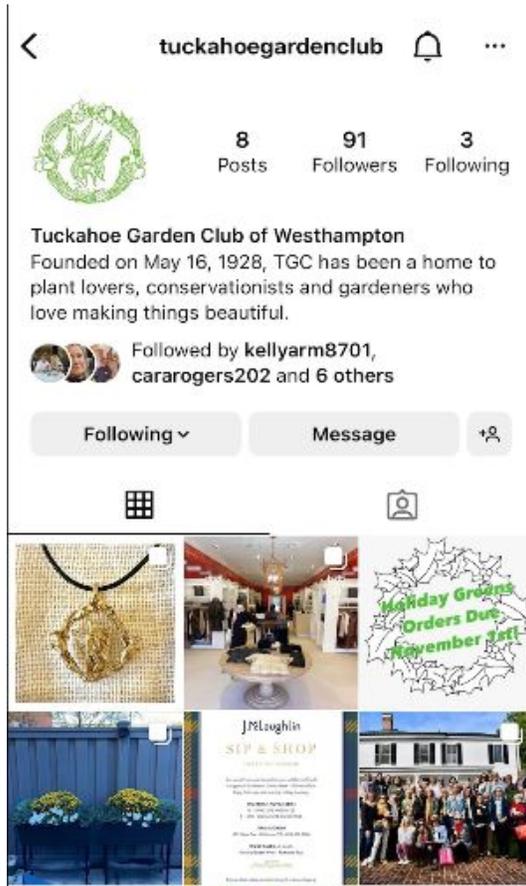
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Please follow @TuckahoeGardenClub. On our page we will post pictures of recent happenings with TGC, including events, announcements and more! Similar to the Big Share, we would also like to post photos from our members of arrangements, flowers, gardens, gardening tips, and anything you want to share that relates to TGC and our mission.

Please email all your photos for Instagram and the Website to Caroline Marvel at [CarolineMarvel@gmail.com](mailto:CarolineMarvel@gmail.com)

## Committee Reports

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As we move club business out of monthly meetings, it is crucial that each member take responsibility for staying informed and up-to-date on vital club news by reading the committee reports contained here.

These reports represent much hard work by your fellow members. Please contact Kelly or the appropriate committee head with any questions or comments.

Please click our club's seal above to read this month's committee reports.

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Members please send any updates to your contact information to Betsy Carney  
([betsycarney@gmail.com](mailto:betsycarney@gmail.com)) as soon as possible.

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