

Tuckahoe Garden Club

Membership Meeting

January 17, 2024

Four Club Meeting with James River, Boxwood, and Three Chopt Garden Clubs

In attendance: Kelly Armstrong, Anastasia SeEVERS, Anne Poarch, April Greenwood, Audra Boardman, Betsy Carney, Betsy Mitchell, Betty Jenkins, Bonnie Cricchi, Cara Rogers, Carey Viego, Caroline Marvel, Caroline Williams, Catherine Driscoll, Chandler Klevana, Charlotte Clarkson, Christina McCoy, Cynthia Ferrell, Ellen Buoyer, Fran McDermott, Helen Pinckney, Jeanine Hanson, Jennifer Rector, Karen Berson, Kathy Watson, Lauren Neal, Leila Jones, Linda Hanson, Lisa Burlee, Lizzie Cox, Margaret Ivey, Maria Reed, Mary Mason Foukal, Melinda Smith, Meredith Arendale, Meredith Lauter, Molly Revere, Patricia Hunter, Pattie Williams, Peyton Wells, Preston Lee, Renee Gardner, Renee Montague, Rita Ryan, RoseMarie Bundy, Ruth Cunningham, Scottie Slater, Stephanie Lansing, Sue Taylor, Sue Thompson, Susan Ewing, Susie Benson, Suzanne Duncan, Terrell Harrigan, Tibby Gardner, Tricia Sauer, Valerie Coleman, Penny Peebles

The January Membership Meeting was held at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden at 10:00 AM. It was a 4 club meeting with James River GC, Boxwood GC, and Three Chopt Garden Club.

Reflection- Ellen

Welcome- Kelly

Introduction of Brian Trader, President/CEO of Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden- Kelly

Lewis Ginter Update- Brian Trader

- 2024 is 40th Anniversary of LGBG
- 500,000 visitors to LGBG in 2023
- Breaking ground in Feb 2024 as part of “Thrive” campaign to double size of Conservatory (2 year project)
- Adding 11 acres to LGBG over next several years
- 40th Anniversary celebration on 9/27/24- “Flourish” is theme-details to come

Introduction of GCV President Debbie Lewis- Kelly

GCV Update- Debbie Lewis

- Many thanks to the 4 Richmond GCV clubs for flower arrangements at KVH
- GCV appreciates collaboration with clubs for HGW, which is in its 91st year
- Photography newest committee at GCV
- Many upcoming events- Daffodil Day, HGW, Lily Show
- Efforts underway to establish Richmond as a “Bee City”
- Grateful to Richmond garden club members for leadership and generosity

Introduction of Guest Speaker, Brie Arthur- Susan Ewing

Program: Brie Arthur: “ A New Era of Foodscaping”

- “Brie the Plant Lady”-based in Raleigh, NC- Zone 8
- Herbs are easiest way to begin foodscaping
- Integrate edibles in traditional landscapes and containers
- “Beautiful and bountiful spaces”
- Focus on diverse, not monoculture plantings
- Use edibles for landscaping (e.g., blueberry instead of ligustrum)
- Use native plants and trees(Carolina Silverbell, Fringe Tree, Paw Paw, Serviceberry)
- Kale as an underplanting-keeps weeds away
- Incorporate ornamental grasses and grains in landscaping
- Website: *briegrows.com*
- Watch Brie on YouTube
- Her books available for purchase after meeting

Thanks- Kelly

- Many thanks to Brie for a great program
- Thanks to today’s hostesses and flower arrangers: Stephanie Lansing, Caroline Marvel, Meredith Arendale, Peyton Wells

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Peebles
Recording Secretary

