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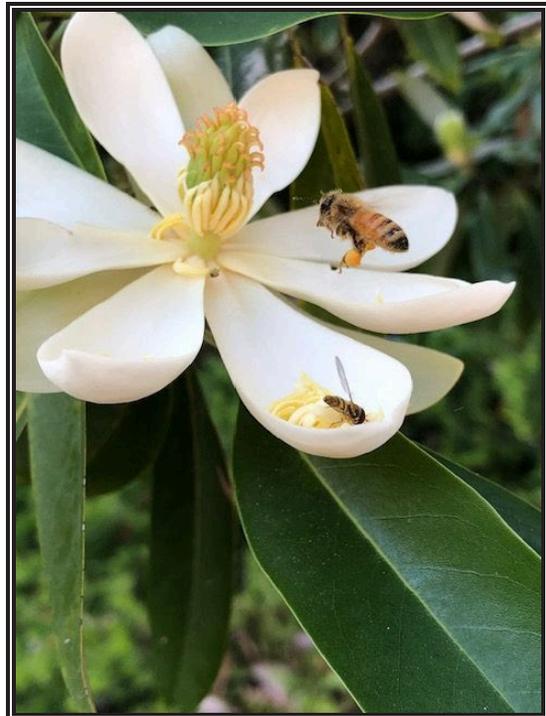
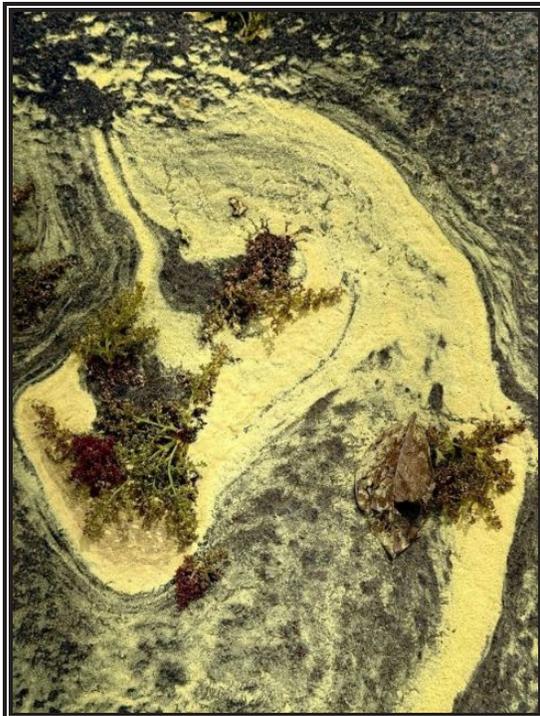


Tuckahoe Garden Club

Fresh Cuts From Ellen

Many thanks to Jennifer Wilkins and Tricia Sauer for their assistance with Fresh Cuts this month. I am focused on welcoming two grandchildren into our family, and they helped me pull Pollen 101 together!

Enjoy!



According to my [pollen.com](https://www.pollen.com) app, the tree pollen index for our area was 11.5 out of 12 last weekend! I guess I didn't have to look at my app to figure that out:) Then Mother Nature tossed in a warm breeze to help spread the tiny pollen grains in a cloud of yellow, ensuring we didn't miss this critical moment! Achoo!

In an effort to switch my attention to the joy and excitement of this seasonal activity instead of complaining about my annoying, itchy nose, I thought I'd refresh my knowledge of the basics of pollen and pollination. Getting back to the basics is my superpower when things feel out of control. So I had a quick chat with my Ai app, and we pulled together these simple Pollen 101 bullets:

- Pollen as a Food Source: Pollinators, like bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds, are attracted to flowers because they offer food in the form of nectar and pollen.
- Pollen Transfer and Pollination: When pollinators visit flowers to feed, they unintentionally brush against the flower's reproductive parts, picking up pollen and carrying it to other flowers.
- Pollination and Reproduction: This pollen transfer, or pollination, is essential for plant reproduction, as it allows plants to produce seeds and fruits.

So, the bottom line is that more pollen on our trees translates to increased food for pollinators, which results in enhanced pollination and, ultimately, more blooms and fruit production for us! Voilà! Joy and excitement have been restored!

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Spring Sale Promotion

Help Promote the Spring Sale!

Flyer: Below are the front and back of the flyer we have distributed to various local shops. You can click on it and save it to your computer or screenshot it and **send it to friends and family**.

Proceeds: Feel free to share that the proceeds from the sale advance our work in many areas, such as planting trees throughout the region, supporting community gardens in urban neighborhoods, restoring public and historic landscapes, and protecting the environment through education and conservation programs.

Raffle: One additional Bloomsaver will be featured in our raffle along with several other special items, including a beautiful orchid arrangement donated by Greenhouse II and an original watercolor from Chris Shands, a fellow member and favorite Richmond artist.

And a special THANK YOU to Jennifer Sisk for sharing your beautiful home with us!



JOIN US FOR
A Great Little
GARDEN SALE

Wednesday, April 23 - 12:30-4:30pm
400 Harlan Circle, Richmond, VA



TUCKAHOE GARDEN CLUB

A Great Little Garden Sale

FEATURING:

Beautiful annuals, perennials and hard-to-find plants

Kent Russell, host of The Garden Guru on PBS.

He will be bringing a bounty of horticultural treasures from the Philadelphia area and beyond. Kent will have a colorful array of interesting & unusual plants, some of which have been grown exclusively for our sale. He will be available all afternoon to offer lots of ideas and inspiration to create beautiful container gardens.

Our Conservation Team's Mini Green Garden Sale - a curated collection of nearly new gardening items, vases and accessories, all donated by fellow members. It could be the place to find a prized pot or planter with the perfect patina.

Other vendors and artists include:

August Table with its one-of-a-kind table linens, handmade from 100% cotton & block printed with all natural dyes.

Weezie Thompson with an assortment of journals & cards featuring her botanical artwork, plus paintings & pastels inspired by nature.

Theadora Miller Garden Art with her Blooming Girls artwork, paintings, tea towels & handmade ceramic vessels & vases.

The Bread Drop with a selection of sourdough loaves, focaccia, & cookies.

And back for the first time in years:

Bloomsavers - A club favorite, recently reintroduced, will be available for purchase at the sale.



Petals and Prosecco



Join your fellow TGC members for
Petals and Prosecco,
a casual tour of members' gardens on Kingcrest Parkway.

Wednesday, April 23, from 5 to 7:00 pm

Parking at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral,
[30 Malvern Avenue](#)

The tour begins at Shelly Wiltshire's home, 4212 Kingcrest Parkway, at 5:00 pm, then proceeds to Abbie Wharton's at 4121 Kingcrest Parkway, Jenny Evans' at 4211 Kingcrest Parkway, and concludes at Chris Shands' at 4218 Kingcrest Parkway.

"Comfort Stations" are available at the Wiltshire and Shands homes.

Unwind with your TGC friends after a day of fundraising at the Spring Sale. Each of these gardens has something to offer, and it's always fun to discover the wins, challenges, and wish lists in others' gardens.

Please respond to the recent invitation to let us know you are coming.

Flower Hour



by Betsy Carney

Herb Inspiration!

Members are invited to join Flower Hour this spring!
Martha Moore and Sue Thompson will lead a program
to inspire you to grow more herbs.

May 7th, 5:30-7 pm
6435 Roselawn Rd

Cost for members is \$30
Email [Mary Mason Foukal](mailto:Mason.Foukal) to sign up by April 20th

Please bring gloves and a trowel.

Evites will be sent to members and the Flower Hour girls. If anyone wants to add a name
to the list, please email [Betsy Carney](mailto:Carney).

Spring Sale Conservation Table



It's Not Too Late to Donate

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 include vases, glazed pots, small topiaries, small gardening tools, or books about 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 longer than four feet.

If you have items to donate, please snap a photo and send it to Chandler (804) 543-7067. DEADLINE IS APRIL 14.

May 14th Annual Meeting Transportation

We are offering a complimentary bus service from Richmond to Freddie Gray's beautiful home in Charles City for up to 40 members. Please click on this [link](#) to secure your spot on the bus. Pickup will be at 9:30 AM, and we will return to Richmond by 3:00 PM. The bus pickup location will be provided shortly.

Many thanks to Freddie for hosting us at her special river house!

May 14 at 11:00 am
Annual Meeting and Luncheon
At the home of Freddie Gray, Upper Weyanoke on the James River,
Charles City County
Hostesses: Kelly Armstrong*, Lizzie Cox, Kate O'Hagan, Maria Reed*, Katherine Salt

Daffodil Day - Windmills & Daffodils

By RoseMarie Bundy

I just returned from Daffodil Day, "Windmills and Daffodils," where Renee Gardner did a fabulous job chairing the GCV Artistic Design Committee. There were 47 exhibits! What a heavy load of work! She wrote a beautiful schedule and did extensive planning. THANK YOU, Renee! You are amazing!

Tuckahoe was well represented, primarily due to Renee's enthusiasm and encouragement to enter our exhibits.

Additionally, I am so happy to report the following results from the show for our Club:

Artistic Design

Class 5: Delft Tile - Pavé Style

Named for the city of Delft in the province of South Holland, these tiles originated in the late 16th century as a cheaper alternative to the blue and white porcelain that was imported from China. These tiles are often painted with images depicting children, tradesmen, windmills, ships, and animals.

- Blue Ribbon: Peyton Wells and Karen Berson (photos below)

Class 6: House of Orange - Traditional Mass Design

The Dutch royal family is called the House of Orange-Nassau. The dynasty was established as a result of the marriage of Henry III of Nassau-Breda and Claudia of Chalon-Orange in 1515. The current reigning monarch is King Willem-Alexander and his wife Queen Maxima.

- Peyton Wells and Karen Berson won three awards for their arrangement in this class:
 - Blue Ribbon
 - Best in Show - Individual/Partner (Tri-Color - Photo below)
 - Best Mentor/Novice Partnership Award (of note: this silver award was established several years ago by our very own Meredith Lauter!)

Photography

- Blue Ribbon, April Greenwood
- Red Ribbon: April Greenwood

Botanical Arts

Class 9: Wooden Shoe - Embellishment

- Red Ribbon and Most Creative Botanical Arts in Show: RoseMarie Bundy (Photo below)

- Yellow Ribbon and Best Novice Award: Jennifer Rector (Photo below)

Class 10: “Starry Night” - Botanical Jewelry

- Red Ribbon- Kay Pangraze
- Yellow Ribbon- Carey Viego

Horticulture Daffodil Specimens

- 3 Blue ribbons to RoseMarie Bundy
- 1 Red ribbon to RoseMarie Bundy
- 4 White ribbons to RoseMarie Bundy

We'd also like to note these results from two other daffodil shows:

GCA's Emerge 'n See Show

Virginia Beach

March 18, 2025

Horticulture: 1 red and two yellows for daffodils entered: April Greenwood

Gloucester Daffodil Festival

sponsored by ADS (American Daffodil Society)

April 5 & 6, 2025

Photography:

"You are My Sunshine"

- Yellow ribbon: April Greenwood

"I'm Blown Away"

- Yellow ribbon: April Greenwood

Horticulture: Tetris Bouclé Daffodil

- 1 blue ribbon and 1 red ribbon: April Greenwood (photo below)



GCA National Affairs and Legislative Meeting (NAL)

By Chandler Klevana and Audra Boardman



Renee Montague and Chandler Klevana pictured with other delegates attending the NAL conference*

On March 24-26, 2025, we were privileged to listen to environmental leaders, scientists, and legislators discuss the numerous environmental issues we face today. After “education day,” our zones broke into groups. Our zone decided to focus on the following issues:

1. National Native Plant Month—During our group session, there was an announcement that Governor Youngkin signed the bill!! You can imagine the cheers from all the delegates.
2. The Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) would provide \$1.4 billion annually for 10 years to support wildlife conservation strategies, prioritizing the recovery of endangered and threatened species. Funds will be used to conserve and restore habitats, combat invasive species, and reintroduce native ones.
3. The Farm Bill. The 2023 Farm Bill was extended to September 2025 under the Continuing Resolution H.R. 10545, The American Relief Act. When the final farm Bill is reintroduced, we are asking our legislators to protect the funding for conservation priorities.
4. The Reinvesting in Shoreline Economies and Ecosystems Act: RISEE creates funding from offshore wind, oil, and gas revenues to protect coastal communities and businesses from sea level rise and erosion.
5. Combating Plastics, Toxins, and Pollution, including support of The Break Free from Plastic Pollution Act (targeting single-use plastic recycling). The REDUCE Act imposes an excise tax on virgin plastic resins and a fee on the sale of resins for single-use plastics. The aim is to reduce plastic waste and increase recycling. The PFAS Action Act establishes a national drinking water standard for PFAS, requires the EPA to designate PFAS as hazardous pollutants, limits their discharge and unsafe incineration, and funds \$200 million annually for cleanup.

Tuesday was Capitol Hill Day, during which we listened to senators, members of Congress, and experts discuss the GCA's legislative priorities and positions. Even though many legislators were attending hearings, they took the time to speak with us, and some even took questions. Our own Mark Warner spoke, and we were thankful for his continued support and appreciation for the GCA.

On Wednesday morning, Zone 7 delegates met with the staff of Kaine and Warner to address our collective concerns about these issues.

A wealth of information detailing the Conference, as well as the GCA's focus on environmental and conservation priorities, can be found on the GCA website.



About 300 GCA members pictured here in attendance at the National Affairs & Legislative Conference.

***Apologies for listing Audra at the conference when it was Renee Montague.**

Twelve Centennial Trees Planted on March 26

On March 26, twelve of our Centennial Trees were planted in partnership with Capital Trees, nine on the Low Line and three at the new Hotchkiss Field project. The installation of these trees brings our total to seventeen trees, marking our Centennial (the first five were planted at the Virginia War Memorial).



Shelly Wiltshire is shown at the Low Line with one of our Centennial trees, a white redbud.



Ellen Buoyer, Kelly Armstrong, and Anne Poarch are shown with the newly installed Fringe trees at Hotchkiss Field.

Kelly Armstrong and Jennifer Sisk are finalizing the plans for a full-scale rollout in September, detailing how we will launch the planting of the remaining 83 trees, with a goal of 100 to mark our Centennial in 2028.

Tuckahoe Garden Club in the Community



On April 2nd, the Caritas Spring Refresh took place under the leadership and enthusiasm of Kate O'Hagan. Several members contributed time and plant materials, and the overall result was indeed refreshing and rejuvenating for the residents.

Upcoming Community Opportunitites:

[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.

[May 13th - The LightHouseRVA Flower Arranging](#)

Support a flower-arranging workshop for women in recovery at The LightHouseRVA. Email [Melinda Smith](#) to sign up.

Plastic Film Update



500 537 POUNDS!

Hot off the press - We have saved **537** pounds of plastic film from landfills, waterways, and incinerators, with only 463 more to go. Keep up the effort!

As we enter the summer months, let's keep our focus on the collections.

Our one-year goal to collect ends on October 31.

Mark Your Calendars

(all membership meetings are held on Wednesdays)

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*

April 26-May 3

Historic Garden Week

Richmond dates: April 29, 30, and May 1

May 7 at 5:30-7 pm*

Flower Hour

6435 Roselawn Road, Richmond, VA 23226

***(This is the correct date; the Green Book was in error)**

May 14 at 11:00 am

Annual Meeting and Luncheon

At the home of Freddie Gray, Upper Weyanoke on the James River,

Charles City County

Hostesses: Kelly Armstrong*, Lizzie Cox, Kate O'Hagan, Maria Reed*, Katherine Salt

Board Reports

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

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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 tuckahogardenclub@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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