

# Tuckahoe Garden Club

## Fresh Cuts From Kelly



Our February speaker, Leslie Harris, was a delight and she had many wonderful suggestions of other gardeners to follow including Paige Dickey and Claus Dalby. I encourage each of you to learn more about these amazing gardeners. Paige and her husband moved from New York to Connecticut, and transitioned from a highly manicured yard to a "wilding" property. Her book "Uprooted" journals their successes and failures in sustainable gardening. If you don't follow Claus Dalby on Instagram, you should! Claus, described as Scandinavia's "Martha Stewart", creates stunning container gardens using the most gorgeous bulbs and plant material. As my spring tulips emerge from their winter slumber, I can only think of how to reimagine next year's installation with inspiration from Claus.

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## Upcoming Program and Calendar Events

### March 22, 2023 (Wednesday)

**Program:** Bill Shanabruch of Reedy Creek Environmental LLC - "Native Plants: Reasons for all Seasons"

**Place:** Maymont, 1700 Hampton Street, Garden Hall

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. refreshments, 10 a.m. meeting

**Hostesses:** \*Renee Gardner, Anne Kempe, Renee Montague

### Artistic Exhibits:

Class I: "Natives Only" - Create an arrangement that features only Virginia native species. Creativity in species is welcome. Branches, shrubs, flowers, and/or grasses permitted. Container of your choice.

Class II: "What's In Your Garden?" - The earliest blooms provide so much excitement for the coming months. Create an arrangement using any early Spring blooms from your garden. Container of your choice.

Class III: "Artistic Workshop Exhibits" - Exhibits from the previous day's workshop.

### Horticulture:

Class I: Bulbs – Specimen or Collection

Class II: Native Perennials – Virginia Bluebells, Carolina geranium, Virginia Spring Beauty

Class III: Blooming Branches – Star Magnolia, Saucer Magnolia, Pieris, Camellia

### Photography Exhibits:

Class I: Native Culture. Submit a photograph of a Virginia native plant at any stage of growth.

Class II: James River Reverie. Photograph of anything that delights around our founding river, the James. Can be the river, a plant along, a bird, rocks, etc.

Class III: Emerging Growth. Submit a photograph of a perennial emerging from the earth.

## HAND PICKED THIS MONTH

### IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Bill Shanabruch – "Managing Invasives and Benefits of Native Plants" 9:30 a.m.  
refreshments & meeting 10:00 a.m.

Maymont, 1700 Hampton Street

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Daffodil Day

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9 a.m. Board Meeting  
Home of Kelly Armstrong

[Wednesday, April 12, 2023](#)

9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Spring Sale  
Home of Liz Carden, 3904 Exeter Road

[April 15-22, 2023](#)

Historic Garden Week

[Wednesday, May 10, 2023 \(May 11 Rain Date\)](#)

11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting  
Home of Caroline Williams, 109 Nottingham Road

## February Meeting Highlights

We had the most perfect spring evening for our February Membership Meeting at the beautiful home of Linda and Ted Hanson. Thank you Linda for opening up your house for our evening meeting! Many thanks also to our hostesses Chandler Klevana, Maria Reed and Renee Montague for the amazing spread of food and drink. Our speaker Leslie Harris, a horticulturalist from Charlottesville, offered a glimpse of her foray into "wilding", favoring native plants over lawn plantings. Leslie offers a podcast called "Into the Garden with Leslie" for more access to her fun ideas. Click [HERE](#) for Leslie's podcast and website.



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Bonnie Cricchi and Kathy Watson twinning!



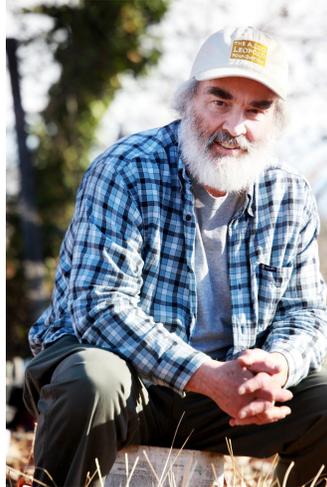
Preston Lee, Tibi Gardner, Dabney McCoy



Cara Rogers, Stephanie Lansing, Renee Montague



Beautiful table by our hostesses  
Chandler Klevana, Maria Reed, and  
Renee Montague

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Let's get ready for Spring! Come learn all about native plants and how to combat invasives. Bill Shanabruch will join us on March 22 to educate us. He is the founder of Reedy Creek Environmental, which he started to provide native plant species of local eco type for the Richmond area. He also helped to found the Reedy Creek Coalition to work toward healthy ecosystems. The coalition partnered with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay to create a watershed protection program for private property owners. Bill has been a member of the James River Park Systems Invasive Plant Task force for the past 5 years. He will offer us the opportunity to order native plants, so bring your checkbook!

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## Spring Sale on April 12th



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If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Ferrell - [fiveferrells@gmail.com](mailto:fiveferrells@gmail.com). Note that orders are due by March 24 and that payment is due at pickup. We encourage everyone to share the form with non-TGC members as well. Everyone is welcome and we will have a wonderful variety of plants.



### **TGC Plant Exchange at the Spring Sale**

Share your garden favorites!

Are you dividing any perennials or have any extra you would like to share of successful plants in your gardens? Pick up pots and labels at the March meeting and start looking in your gardens for plants you would like to share. Label with :

Plant name

Sun or Shade

Your name

Length of ownership (if you know it)

Then price as you see fit!

*Drop off these plants on 4/11 at Liz Carden's house*

*3904 Exeter Road*

*Questions? Call Martha Moore or Susan Ewing*

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## **Historic Garden Week 2023**

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**Get excited for Historic Garden Week 2023!**

Tickets are on sale NOW! You will get admission for the tour for the day that you volunteer, but go to [vagardenweek.org](http://vagardenweek.org) to purchase tickets for any other tours you'd like to attend! Our Richmond tours are on April 18 and 20 and April 19th is the Council of Historic Richmond on West Ave.

As you know, HGW is a big, fun and educational activity we do annually to support the Garden Club of Va's restoration projects around the state. It looks to be a special week after so many months of planning. Please check your volunteer slots [HERE](#) or grab one of the last remaining slots!

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## Daffodil Day 2023



**March 29, 2023; 2-5 p.m.**

**Jane P. Batten Student Center, Virginia Wesleyan University  
5817 Wesleyan Drive; Virginia Beach, VA 23455**

As the days of winter drag on, we long for more sunlight to nudge the first blooms of

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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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## Conservation



*Ellen Buoyer and Betty Jenkins attending GCA's National Affairs and Legislation conference, March 2023*

Serendipity happened on Capitol Hill while Betty Jenkins and I were attending the GCA National Affairs and Legislation conference this week. On Monday, Suzanne Novak of EarthJustice spoke to us about "Forever Chemicals", a class of chemicals whose molecular bonds are so strong they never break down and remain in our bodies and the environment forever. Collectively the chemicals are called "PFAS". They are everywhere: food packaging, fertilizer, fish, landfills, mascara, nonstick pans, stain repellents, landfills and thus WATER. Although their use was mostly phased out in the US, the chemicals remain. While we were eating lunch on Tuesday, the EPA announced proposed first-ever

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rewarding. Click [HERE](#) to read the full article. ~Ellen Buoyer

**ALERT**

**EPA proposes first limits to toxic 'forever chemicals' in drinking water. Here's what it means.**

By MICHAEL PHILLIS and MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press

Mar 14, 2023 0

You may have never heard of PFAS, but you likely have these potentially dangerous chemicals inside your body. CNN's Dr. Sanjay Gupta explains.

Additionally, several Virginia Legislative bills endorsed by GCV were passed in the House and Senate and are now awaiting the governors signature. The bills pertaining to local incentives regarding Green Space incentives and Oyster recycling tax credits passed. The Native Plant Species bill, requiring state agencies to prioritize use of native plants on state property also passed.

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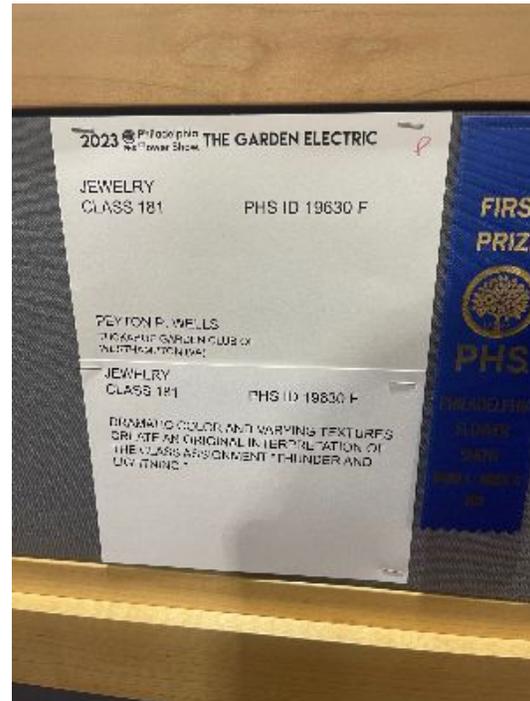
## Valentines at Caritas



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arranging workshop!

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Peyton Wells who won the blue ribbon for Botanical Art for the "Thunder and Lightning" earring class at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Way to go, Peyton!

## Memorials

We mourn the loss of Harry Hudnall Ware, IV, son of member and past President Pam Ware. Hudnall died peacefully in his sleep in the early morning of February 4th at his home in Middleburg, Virginia, with his son Harry by his side. He spent his last months surrounded by his beloved wife Hester, his children, and their family and friends. Hudnall waged a courageous battle against metastatic cancer for over five years. He was 63 years old. Read more [HERE](#).

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**Your address, email or phone number changed?** Send changes to Betsy Carney at [betscarney@gmail.com](mailto:betscarney@gmail.com)

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## Committee Reports



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 ([betscarney@gmail.com](mailto:betscarney@gmail.com)) as soon as possible.

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