

# Tuckahoe Garden Club

## Fresh Cuts From Kelly

*"Could we take that leap of faith that now is when the gardening begins, with an approaching end? Soon the ground will be frozen solid, the grass covered with early snow. Everything will grow quiet in the cold's embrace." - A Mystic Garden, By Gunilla Norris*



What a treat to have a warm October this season, with sunny days seemingly endless and bluebird skies abundant. Then we submit to our first real freeze, and the darker days of Daylight Savings reminding us that Winter is knocking. As we approach the final weeks of the year, the words of Gunilla Norris reminds us that we must have faith that now is when growth begins, in our season of dark and cold. Let us be thankful for this season of dark harvest, and the start of a new season of rebirth. ~Kelly

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## Upcoming Program and Calendar Events

**December 6, 2022 (Tuesday)**

**Program:** Holiday Greens Workshop

**Place:** Home of Lisa Brennan, 15 Lower Tuckahoe Road West

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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only).

**December 7, 2022 (Wednesday)****Program:** Holiday Lunch and Sale - Introduction of New Members**Place:** Home of Lisa Brennan, 15 Lower Tuckahoe Road West**Time:** 11 a.m.**Hostesses:** \*Lynne Brooke, Meredith Arendale, Kelly Armstrong, Anastasia Seevers, Katherine Salt

Please bring a homemade or favorite holiday treat, decoration or craft to sell at our holiday sale. Ideas include desserts, knitted items, art, floral gifts, etc.

*No Exhibits*

## HAND PICKED THIS MONTH

### IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, December 6th

9:30am- 12:30p.m. Holiday Greens Workshop

Home of Lisa Brennan

Wednesday, December 7th

11:00a.m- Holiday Greens and Sale

Home of Lisa Brennan

Wednesday, January 11th

9:00am Board meeting

Home of Kelly Armstrong

Wednesday, January 18th

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

Refreshments beginning at 9 a.m.

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

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## Membership Highlights

Welcome to our six newest Tuckahoe Garden Club Members! We look forward to them joining our Holiday Wreath Workshop on Tuesday, December 6th and our Holiday Lunch and Sale on Wednesday, Dec 7th at Lisa Brennan's home.

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Catherine Driscoll  
Margaret Ivey  
Caroline Packard  
Kay Pangraze

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## Flower Hour



Preston Lee led a demonstration for our Flower Hour ladies  
at the home of Lynn Brooke on November 17th

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## November Meeting & Workshop Highlights



Jane Godshalk of Longwood Gardens came from Philadelphia to our November 16th Meeting and gave a great lecture/demonstration to a full house of Tuckahoe Garden Club ladies. We have all been inspired for the holidays. Jane gave instructional information on the elements of design, and included so many facts for us including how to balance color, keeping our stems in check, using texture, and the importance of using garden materials and seasonal color. Jane included Decorative, Naturalistic and Modern designs in her demonstration. Jane talked a lot about using complimentary colors and analogous colors .

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bubble vase, tree bark used as wedging material in vase, rolled coated chicken wire wrapped in bear grass and green wool yarn, sand for spring flowers in glass, kenzans, and a new agrawool blocks. Jane inspired us all to look to nature for our designs.



Some tips from Jane:

- Place your stronger colors at the base of the design.
- Use fewer flowers and more space between vases to create impact
- When using two colors in an arrangement use a 2/3 – 1/3 balance
- When using three colors , use a 50%, 40% , 10% split
- Fresh wheat and many grasses are good for vertical lines.
- Glossy green leaves of hellebores provide contrast and a resting place for the eye. Apidistra , Dracaena, Philadendron, Rhododendron, Holly and Galax are other leaves with shiny textures.
- Vines and branches circling over an arrangement are called overlay and add movement and lightness to a design

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On November 17th, 28 of our members enjoyed a workshop with Jane. We were given certain flowers and used a circular chicken wire wrapped in yarn and bear grass for our mechanics. We used bind wire to attach the cylinder to the top of the rectangular glass containers, and then were led step by step to do some fabulous holiday arrangements. Jane's workshop showed us many directions the design could go. We all focused on many of the principles that she mentioned the day before. The results using Jane's beautiful selection of flowers were inspiring. We each brought greens from our own gardens to enhance the arrangements! Our holiday table arrangements are done. We can rework the arrangements for Christmas! We had a ball!

Thanks Tuckahoe for a great turnout!

~Martha Moore

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## All about Paperwhites

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### Paperwhites- from White Flower Farm

#### Growing Paperwhites in water:

- To "plant" your bulbs in any of our soilless kits, begin by carefully placing a layer of stones or pebbles to a depth of about 2" in a small vase or about 4" in a larger vase.
- Next place a layer of Paperwhite bulbs close to each other, roots facing down. Put a few stones or pebbles around and between the bulbs to anchor them in the vase. Leave the tops of the bulbs exposed.
- Finally, add water until the level reaches just below the base of the bulbs, but no higher (if the bases of the bulbs sit in water, they will rot).
- Follow the instructions for "Rooting and care" below.

#### Growing Paperwhites in soil:

- To pot the bulbs from one of our kits with potting mix, begin by placing the potting mix in a plastic tub. Slowly add water and stir until the mix is moist but not soggy. Add moistened mix to the accompanying container until it is about 3/4 full.
- Set the bulbs, pointed end up, on top of the mix. Space the bulbs very closely; they should almost touch. Then add more mix, covering the bulbs up to their necks and leaving the tips exposed. Water thoroughly.
- Follow the instructions for "Rooting and care" below.

#### Rooting and care

- Set your container or vase in a cool (50-60°F is ideal) place away from direct sunlight. Check the bulbs frequently and water thoroughly when the potting mix is dry 1" below the surface (but not more than once a week until the bulbs begin active growth), or when the water level is more than 1" below the stones or glass in your vase.
- If your bulbs are in a bowl (a pot without a drainage hole), water with extra care: Bulbs sitting in soggy potting mix soon rot.

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when your tug meets with firm resistance (usually about 3 weeks after potting), move the container to a sunny window.

- Keep a close eye on watering. Bulbs in active growth can dry out in just a day or two.
- When Paperwhites are forced to bloom indoors, they have a tendency to topple when in flower. Hold them upright with the bulb supports supplied with our bulb kits or with bamboo stakes and twine (available at garden centers). If you use our supports, set them in place when the bulb shoots are 8-10" tall by inserting the legs at regular intervals along the inside edge of the container. As the leaves and stems grow, a few will find their way outside the ring. Gently bend them and push them back inside.
- After Paperwhites finish blooming, we recommend that you throw the bulbs out or toss them on the compost pile. They won't bloom again indoors.



Pre-orders for the beautiful Janet Gregg TGC insignia necklace have arrived at her showroom and members will be contacted this week by Janet for payment and shipping. If you did not get an opportunity to pre-order, we did secure a few extra pendants. Contact Frannie Phillips if interested, [franniephillips@verizon.net](mailto:franniephillips@verizon.net). Please contact Janet directly [janet@janetgregg.com](mailto:janet@janetgregg.com) to have yours shipped in time for Christmas! The pendant is gold on a leather necklace - cost is \$145, tax and shipping not included. Thank you for your orders, which included a 10% donation to TGC from

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## Fall is for Planting...for Historic Garden Week (Part II)



While the bountiful rainbow of Virginia's spring blooms may be front of mind as we plan our Historic Garden Week arrangements, the grace and architectural interest of our garden greenery hardly plays second fiddle. Note the stunning statement the arum leaves make as the anchor in the above arrangement featuring white parrot tulips. When planting this fall and early winter, keep the following plants and their foliage in mind for the important role they play in our spring arrangements.

Garden Week  
Plants for Foliage  
Shade Perennials

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Heuchera villosa Coral Bells  
Hosta Hosta  
Shade Shrubs/Trees  
Danae racemose Poet's Laurel  
Fatsia japonica Japanese aralia  
Kalmia latifolia Mountain Laurel  
Taxus baccata English Yew  
Bulbs  
Arum italicum Arum  
Sun Perennials  
Stachys byzantinaa Lamb's Ears  
Sun Shrubs/Trees  
Cedrus deodara Deodar Cedar  
Cryptomeria japonica Japanese Cedar  
Ligustrum japonicum Wax-leaf Privet  
Magnolia grandiflora 'Little Gem' Little Gem Magnolia  
Magnolia grandiflora Magnolia  
Pinus strobus Eastern White Pine

*Abbie Wharton and Karen Gilmore*

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## GCA Awards



Congratulations to all of our GCA Zone VII Award winners at the recent Zone VII meeting, hosted in Warrenton, Virginia!

Congratulations to **Martha Moore** who won this year's **GCA Zone VII Appreciation Award** for her generosity of spirit exemplified by the founders of the GCA through sustained support and dedication to projects furthering the GCA purpose and by joyfully sharing her knowledge through mentoring other club members within and beyond the Zone.

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**Design Education Award** in recognition of outstanding achievement in floral design and floral design education throughout and beyond Zone VII.

Also, congratulations to the GCA Zone VII Flower show winners:

- Renee Garner, Lisa Elliot and Jennifer Sisk for 3rd Place in Division I Floral Design, Class 3, "Rebirth"
- Kelly Armstrong for 1st Place and Novice Award for Division II Horticulture, Class I Peony
- Jennifer Sisk for 1st Place for Division III Photography "Je ne sais quoi"
- Jennifer Sisk for 2nd Place for Division IV Education Class 3 Photography Education: Contaminating our World



## 2022 GCA Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference

This year's Shirley Meneice Conference in Boston rallied around the bicentennial of the birth of Fredric Law Olmstead (a Boston native) and the 150 th anniversary of the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University. The conference themes of the value of native plants intertwined with the importance of public gardens to community well-being could not have had a more appropriate backdrop than the impressive public gardens in the greater Boston area. Here are some conference highlights:

The 2022 GCA Freeman Medal for a woody plant was awarded to a popular plant in TGC member gardens, *Lonicera Sempervirens*, otherwise known as Coral Honeysuckle vine. 17 plants were nominated for this year's award. The winning nomination came from The Garden Club of Trenton.

GCA is promoting – and encouraging support from all member clubs – the adaption of

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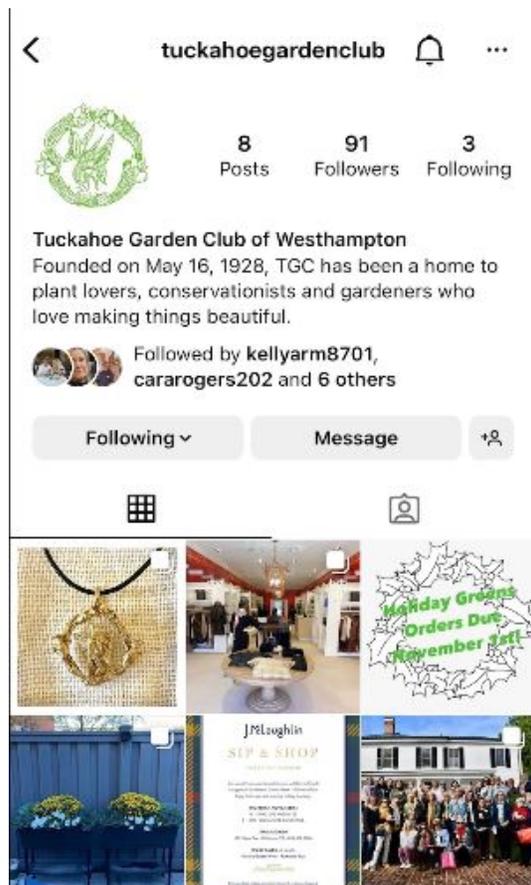
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Uri Lorimer, Director of Horticulture of The Native Plant Trust at Garden in the Woods, addressed how native plants heal our landscapes. His mission at the native plant trust addresses encouraging public spaces and private commercial spaces to plant natives, as well as educating residential areas to forsake or limit turf lawns and plant native species.

Arnold Arboretum was massive and inspiring on many, many fronts. One featured area, the Leventritt Garden, was devoted to mature, single or limited plantings of shrubs and vines that are common to residential gardens in New England. It would be such a gift to have such a garden in Richmond at Lewis Ginter or Maymont! The public can visit the Leventritt Garden in the Arnold Arboretum not only to experience the beauty of many shrubs and vines, but to build an understanding of what they will look like in your own yard, once mature.

~Karen Gilmore

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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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