



**Tuckahoe Garden Club
of Westhampton
1928-2028
Centennial Trees
A legacy gift to Richmond**



Inspired by Thomas Jefferson and 100 Pecan Trees

In 1784, Thomas Jefferson was appointed to be a Foreign Minister and replaced Ben Franklin as our Minister to France. He traveled extensively throughout the country during his tenure, and it is said that he greeted his hosts with a Pecan Tree volunteer for planting. As a visitor to Chateaux Carbonnieux in 1787, he gifted one of his Pecan Trees to the monks running this vineyard. Today, this tree is a grand 30 meters tall and will be 241 years old in the year of TGC Centennial. It has been verified to have DNA connection to the Pecan trees that exist at Monticello. In letters to many including John Adams, he requested to be sent 100-300 Pecan saplings to plant in France. While the exact number of Pecan trees in France planted is not confirmed, the current owners of Chateaux Carbonnieux in 2017 recalled this story of "The 100 Pecan Trees of Thomas Jefferson". This story is the inspiration of our 100 Trees for 100 Years Centennial Celebration! Let's create an impact in Richmond that can last another 100+ years and benefit our community.

Let's celebrate 100 years of service by the Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton.

Our mission is simple:

- Encourage the knowledge and love of gardening
- Protect the environment through education and conservation
- Promote restoration and community improvement

For 100 years, the Tuckahoe Garden Club has worked to enhance the natural world and community through our partnerships with the Garden Club of Virginia and the Garden Club of America. Let's mark this special anniversary with a dedication of one hundred native trees .

Members will have the opportunity to support our Centennial Tree Celebration by sponsoring a tree for \$1,000 each. This is a chance to enhance our city, honor or memorialize another member. Members can sponsor a tree in public spaces or non-profit locations, with naming opportunities on trees and on our website. This is a wonderful chance to honor the dedication of another member in our Club and enhance an open space. Join the Tuckahoe Tree Huggers in our Centennial Celebration!