Tuckahoe Garden Club

"To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow" - Audrey Hepburn

Fresh Cuts From Kelly

Dear Ladies,

Just when I feel settled into summer, it is over. I am finally not feeling guilty over lounging around, eating ice cream and ignoring the weeds in the garden. But alas, fall is creeping in and change is in the air. As we all shift to a new year with TGC, let us embrace the change that is part of our journey with garden club. New club positions, new members and a new schedule keeps us fresh like the buds in spring. Many thanks to the programs team (Martha, Patricia, Cara, and Susan) for creating an amazing year for our members! Also new this year, will be a slimmer, sleeker Green Book, thank you Rita Ryan and Melinda Smith! Other busy bees over the summer were our Hospitality Team of Molly Revere and Caroline Williams and our Flower Show gals, Renee Gardner and Lisa Elliott, who with Jennifer Sisk helped to enter the virtual GCA Zone VII show which will be held in Warrenton

So, while it may be autumn in the eyes of Mother Nature, it sure feels like a new spring day with growth and new experiences ahead of us this year. I am grateful to each and every one of you who has graciously offered to serve the club with your time and talents. Thank you! May we celebrate our time together, appreciating every opportunity to learn from one another.

Kelly

Membership Highlights

New Member Nominations

We have 6 spots open for new members this year! Please begin thinking of those women you know who would love to be a part of the work in which our TGC is involved. Alignment with interest and work around gardening, floral design, and conservation should be the top priority for any nomination.

Following is the timeline for the process:

September 14 – Membership meeting and nomination procedures announced for 6 new members. Proposal forms will be posted on TGC site for access

October 14 – all proposals due to Jennifer Sisk

October 21 – Board approves nominations

October 28-November 7 – online voting for 6 new members

November 16 – Announce 6 new members at membership meeting

December 7 – newest members invited to Holiday party for introduction

January date TBD 9:00 – new member orientation at Anastasia's home

Members not eligible to propose this year:
Lisa Brennan
Bonnie Cricchi
Betsy Carney
Lisa Burlee
Linda Hanson

HAND PICKED THIS MONTH

IMPORTANT DATES

11:00am Membership Meeting
Home of Betsy Fauntleroy

September 20-21
GCV Symposium, "Grow Your Knowledge"
Science Museum of Virginia

Wednesday, September 28th
9:00am Board Meeting
Home of Kelly Armstrong

Wednesday, October 5th
Gordonsville Garden Tour Field Trip

Friday, October 21st
9:00am Board Meeting
Home of Kelly Armstrong

Wednesday, November 16th
1:00pm Membership Meeting, Jane Godshalk Program
First Presbyterian Church

Thursday, November 17th
9:30-11:30am Jane Godshalk Workshop
registration required

Tuesday, December 6th
9:30am Holiday Workshop

Wednesday, December 7th
Holiday Sale

Upcoming Program and Calendar Events

September Membership Meeting
Date: Wednesday September 14, 2022 (Rain date Sept 15)
Program: "Jewels of Nature"
Join jewelry designer and creative talent Janet Gregg for a morning floral workshop, then "Documenting a garden: Garden History and Design Overview of the Fauntleroy's Beautiful Gardens." Optional lunch and jewelry shopping to follow.

Time: 9:30 a.m. Workshop (full); For those registered for the workshop, please bring your own clippers and a small bucket.
11a.m. Meeting, optional lunch to follow

Janet will be raffling off a larger driftwood structure for those attending the general meeting. Tickets will be sold at the meeting. Please bring cash ($10/ticket or 6 for $50).

Hostesses: *Betsy Carney, Betsy Fauntleroy, Elisabeth Mullins, Ellen Buoyer

Artistic Exhibits:
Class I: Using pollinator friendly flowers from your summer garden, create an arrangement that shows the beauty and diversity of the plants that attract pollinators. These include bees, butterflies, and birds.
Class II: Create a coastal inspired arrangement using driftwood, moss and summer floral materials in a modern, romantic style. Workshop entries may be submitted.
Class III: "Fall Is Nearby" - Using a container of your choice, create an arrangement using your favorite flowers and/or vegetables from your summer garden.

Horticulture Exhibits:
Class I: Roses – Specimen or Collection
Class II: Seasonal Bloom – Specimen or Collection
Class III: Native Ferns-Northern Maidenhair, Hay-scented, Sensitive Cinnamon, Christmas, Royal, Marginal Wood
Class IV: Native Perennial-Butterfly Weed, Orange Coneflower, Cardinal flower, Joe-Pye Weed, Early Goldenrod, Grass-leaf, Blue Vervain Class V: Herbs – Specimen or Collection

Photography Exhibits:
Class I: Jewel Tones. Submit a photograph of garden flowers displaying rich jewel tones.

Lunch:
We are offering box lunches to enjoy after the meeting. The cost is $15 each.
The entree choices are:
-Curried Chicken salad with toasted almonds, golden raisins, fresh cilantro, shredded coconut and organic greens - served as a wrap or on a bed of greens with white balsamic vinegar dressing
-Roasted Vegetable Wrap with boursin spread and organic greens
Each lunch will include a side of mixed melon salad with fresh mint and a chocolate candy treat.
Click here to sign up for a boxed lunch!

For questions regarding the workshop please email Frannie Phillips - FranniePhillips@verizon.net
For questions regarding the lunches please email Betsy Carney - betscarney@gmail.com
If you are unable to attend the meeting please notify Penny Peebles - penpeebles@aol.com

Click here to view our May Annual Meeting Minutes, which will be approved in the September meeting.

Please dig out your checkbooks and bring them to the meeting to settle up for the workshop and the box lunches.

As a reminder, we're using lanyards as name tags at meetings. These are also used to keep track of attendance - please make sure to return your lanyard before you leave the meeting.

Glorious Gardens of Gordonsville
October 5, 2022 8:30 am

Rocklands, Home of Dolley Madison member, Gail Babnew, which features roses and beautiful hydrangeas. Springfields is the second garden we will see which was open last year for the Boys and Girls Club garden tour. It is a very special property, and we are being invited also through the first floor of the home. AFTER the two morning tours, we will have a wonderful box lunch at Susan Landin's beautiful home in Keswick, followed by a trip to close by Merrie Mill Farm and Vineyard. At the vineyard we will have a lesson in viticulture, and also have a little wine tasting! We will return to CCV Caddy Hill parking lot by 4:45. Cost will be $65 per person, covering the bus, entrance fees and box lunch.

Click here to reserve your spot and here to pay online for the tour. Spaces are limited!

You may bring a check for $65 payable to TGC to give to Cara Rogers or Kathy Watson at the September membership meeting.

Rocklands, Home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gupton

The picturesque French garden at Rocklands in Gordonsville overlooks the Blue Ridge Mountains.

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Rocklands

Gordonsville, Virginia

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Visitors on the Orange County tour will be treated to a visit to Rocklands, an estate with both an English and a French garden. Each garden "room" is embellished with imported, antique stone sculptures and urns. The impressive flight of stairs leading down to the French garden was salvaged from a property in France and carved from three monolithic pieces of stone. Energetic visitors can walk up the hill to the four-story medieval stone tower, which was brought in pieces from France and rebuilt on a site overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The third stop on the tour will be lunch with Susan Landin at her new home in Keswick. *(Pictured above: Susan Landin, Cabell West and Joanie Robins, Zone VII Meeting in 2010)*

Merrie Mill Farm and Vineyard!
Be ready to learn about viticulture and taste a little wine!

November 16, 2022 1:00 pm: First Presbyterian Church Program with renowned floral designer, Jane Godshalk, from Longwood Gardens who will do a lecture and demonstration.

“Working Beyond the Rules- Designs Inspired by Nature” This will be followed by a fun workshop on November 17, 2022 from 9:30-11:30a.m. with Jane Godshalk: “Fresh designs Using Modern Techniques.” This workshop will be limited to 30 attendees.

Sign ups begin October 10 from an email . Fee will be $65 for workshop attendees, which will help pay for a container, all materials, and mechanics that can be reused in later arrangements.

Proposed Modification to ByLaws Regarding Timing of Request for Change in Class

Please read the below proposed change to our ByLaws, and be prepared for a vote in our November meeting. This proposal will allow us to better budget for changes in Membership.

Article V - Duties of Members and Election Procedures
Section 6. Leave of Absence. An Active or Sustainer Member who is no longer able to participate in the Club's activities due to personal loss or personal health issues should submit a written request to the Membership Committee for a leave of absence for up to two Club Years (defined as June 1 through May 31). As an Inactive Member, resignation from the Club and participation in Club activities are not required. At the expiration of the two-year period, the Inactive Member may submit a written request to the Membership Chairs to extend the leave of absence for an additional Club Year. This request must be made before ~~**May 31**~~ **March 1st.** The Membership Committee, in its sole discretion, will approve or deny this request. If approval is denied, the Member must immediately resume Active or Sustainer Membership on or before June 1 or resign by May 31st. An Inactive Member will continue to pay dues pursuant to Article VI, Section I. Approved Inactive Membership status does not interrupt Daffodil Circle eligibility.

Section 8. Change in Membership Class. A Member desiring to change her class of membership must submit her request in writing to the Membership Committee no later than ~~**May 31st**~~ **March 1st.** If the request is received after that date, the member must fulfill all Club obligations for her current class through the end of the following Club Year.

Flower Hour

We will kick off Flower Hour this year with 2 dates on the calendar. Members will be invited at our September meeting to submit names of young women who are of some relation (daughters, granddaughters, daughter-in-law, etc) to join us for this educational club initiative.

There will be a one-time $30 fee to be paid by the 'sponsoring member' to cover the costs of their Flower Hour participant. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at our September meeting or you may email Libby directly at libbyrobertson1@gmail.com to submit your name and arrange payment.

Note that the focus of these two workshops center around the MOST BASIC information/skills around beginning floral design and starting a garden - concepts that each of us as members have been learning over the years and will continue to learn in our 3 programmed membership workshops this year!

November 17 – workshop at Lynn Brooke's home

April 13 – potting workshop after Spring Plant Sale at Libby Robertson's home

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2022 GCV Common Wealth Award Finalists

of conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation and education. The two-word name Common Wealth was chosen to describe the "wealth" that is "common" to all Virginians. Please read these descriptions of the finalists from around the state and be prepared to vote for one.

Garden Club of the Eastern Shore: Beautification and Conservation of Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence Campus. Several community partners are engaged to provide a soft landing for families in crisis. The grant would allow for accessible raised kitchen garden beds, an irrigation well, and necessary supplies and tools for the project's success.

Gabriella Garden Club: HOME Pocket Park. HOME Pocket Park is located in a rapidly growing, yet under-utilized part of Danville's downtown district. It houses the HOME sign, which was part of the Dan River Fabrics factory and is a symbol of Danville. Proceeds from the grant would be used to transform the space into a welcoming and beautiful respite for visitors and residents.

Garden Club of Norfolk: GC Norfolk's Tribute to Frederick Law Olmsted Greenways along Norfolk's Elizabeth River Trail. Celebrating Olmsted's 200th birthday, the club's goal is to transform blighted areas along the Elizabeth River Trail. Work began in 2021 with an 8,000-square-foot native tree grove and pollinator area along a major trailhead. To continue their work the club is requesting the grant to transform a barren swale into a rain garden, bird sanctuary and wildlife habitat, with goals to improve view sheds, educate trail visitors and mitigate the city's challenges of climate change.

Three Chopt Garden Club: Horticulture Therapy for Pediatric Patients at Virginia Treatment Center for Children (VTCC). VTCC is the is home to VCU's divisions of child psychology and psychiatry, providing clinical care and resources that help families navigate the complex needs of mental and behavioral health. The Three Chopt Garden Club (a Richmond club) created and maintains two gardens at VTCC. TCGC seeks to partner with experts to create a horticulture therapy program. Funds provided from the grant will underwrite the purchase of equipment to launch and sustain this program, plus pay for first year plant costs. Full descriptions of projects available here.

GCV Fall Symposium

Calling ALL Talented Floral Designers of TGC!

We have two wonderful upcoming opportunities to showcase your floral design talents! Please click on the following links, which will include class schedules.

Remember, beginners and novices are encouraged AND welcome! This is a great opportunity to gain valuable floral arranging experience--and have fun too!

Please let us know if you are interested. The Flower Show Committee will be happy to help you interpret the schedules or assist in any way we can.

GCV Fall Symposium Website

GCV Fall Symposium Judged Exhibits

Francoise Weeks “Wearable Botanical Art Workshop” Sunday, September 18, noon - 4:00 pm at Maria Reed's barn with foraging at Maria’s and Kelly’s woodlands. Set up Peyton Wells and Meredith Lauter, Jeanette McKitridge for Francoise Weeks.

Other speakers: Thomas Woltz, Robert Llewellyn, Shaun Spencer Hester (Anne Spencer Garden, Lynchburg, VA), Emilie Carter,Sherryl Belinsky (Photography), Bryan Peterson, Matthew Borden.

“Mix It Up” Cocktail Party

Purchase Tickets

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There are many opportunities for our club members to attend GCA virtual conferences this year for free, as part of our dues. These are great learning opportunities.

November 9, 2023 Conservation Study Conference

February 28, 2023 Floral Design Conference

There are also four in person conferences:

Shirley Meneice- Karen Gilmore attending for TGC, Martha Moore

Zone VII Meeting- October 10-13- Warrenton- Virtual Flower Show- Kelly, Meredith attending

NAL February 2023

Also for those who missed Bunny Mellon's garden last year with TGC: June 14 / June 15, 2023 GCA On The Road Oak Spring Garden Foundation

GCA Position Papers

Jointly produced by the GCA's National Affairs & Legislation and Conservation Committees, GCA Position Papers summarize those issues that are of top priority to The Garden Club of America. These are a "MUST READ" TO KNOW WHERE GCA STANDS AND IMPORTANT ISSUES.

Picture of Jennifer Sisk, Renee Gardner and Lisa Elliott working on Zone VII GCA Flower Show "Fleurish", a virtual flower show.

Treasurer's Report:

All gifts for 2021/2022 have been paid as well as our 5 year commitment to GCA Partner for Plants and our 3 year commitment to Capital Trees.

That amount has been transferred from savings to checking.

Dues bills will be going out in early September by email. Those who do not use email will have their bill sent by mail. Dues were reduced last year to compensate for the lack of programming due to Covid in the prior year. Dues have gone back to precovid amounts with a $25 increase to cover the increase in GCV dues.

THE BUSINESS BOX

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.**

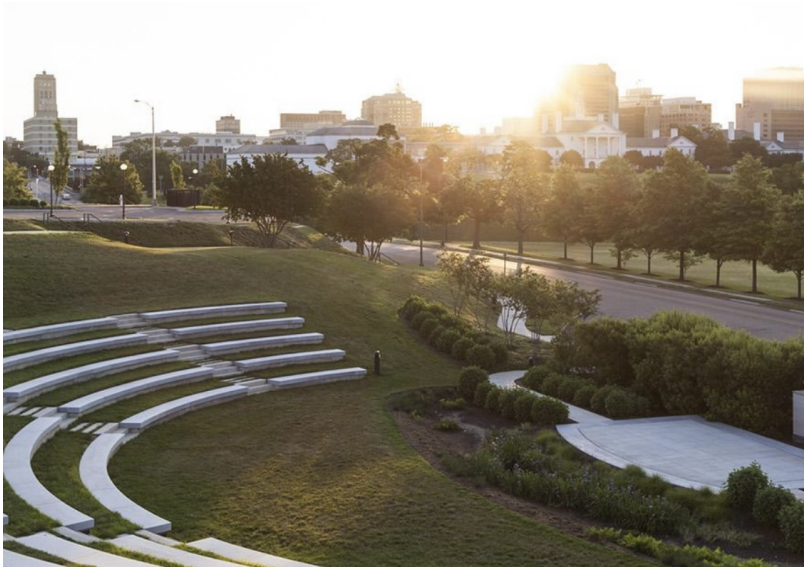
These reports represent much hard work by your fellow members. Please contact Kelly or the appropriate committee head with any questions or comments.

On August 30th, the Board approved six members to the Nominating Committee for the selection of 2024-26 TGC officers: Betty Jenkins, chair; Jennifer Sisk, Stephanie Lansing, Patricia Hunter, Lisa Burlee, and Charlotte Clarkson.

Committee Reports

Please click our club's seal below to read this month's committee reports:

Please take five minutes to view this important and engaging video about the creation of a Green Space at the Virginia War Memorial. RoseMarie Bundy will be providing a brief explanation of the project at our September meeting for consideration of our Club's support.



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TGC Meeting Attendance Expectations

We have had many questions about attendance expectations for this year's programming and want to clarify expectations for our club this year. As last year we were deep in the throw of covid and followed guidelines set forth by the CDC and the Commonwealth of Virginia, attendance for our programming was not recorded. As

This being said, if you are not able or comfortable attending a program in person it is your responsibility to notify Penny Peebles to receive an excused absence. Note that we will continue to provide some flexibility around the 'required' maximum of two absences this year, but notifying Penny IS REQUIRED.

Members please send any updates to your contact information to Betsy Carney (betsycarney@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Tell us what you think about this newsletter format and content!
Email Stephanie Lansing (stephanielansing@gmail.com) with any comments, questions or concerns.

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