

Tuckahoe Garden Club Monthly Board Reports
MARCH

Dear Officers and Standing Committee Members,
Please submit your monthly report to the Board in the Google form below. Keep in mind your report should be concise- sharing essential information, dates, links to further information and any action items that should be highlighted- and presented in a bullet-format if possible. If you have no report for the month, please note "NO REPORT". Thank you all!

OFFICERS

First VP/Kelly Armstrong

The Finance committee met to prepare the 2021-2022 budget. The budget was approved by the Board and presented to the membership on February 17th. Comments on the budget can be made to either me or Karen Gilmore. There will be a vote on the final budget in our May Annual meeting.

Second VP/Database /Melinda Smith

All new members have been added to the GCV & GCA websites. They have also been added to the gmail distribution list as well.

Corresponding Secretary/Charlotte Clarkson

No report

Communications Director/Molly Revere

-Emailed HGW Assignments

Treasurer/Karen Gilmore

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Communications/Kate Christner and Lisa Burlee

Community Projects and Long Range plans/Kate O'Hagan

Conservation/Ellen Buoyer and Jill Mountcastle

The Conservation team, The Green Crusaders, along with Lisa Burlee, launched the second Conservation section of tuckahoegardenclub.com (password = Daffodil) called Conservation Advocacy. We launched with a video interview with Cabell West and her involvement with conservation advocacy over the years and why she says "Finding a buddy!" is essential to advocacy.

The new section addresses:

- All About Advocacy
- Understanding the Legislative Process
- GCV and the Conservation Lobby Day with the Virginia General Assembly
- GCA and the National Affairs and Legislative (NAL) conference

This new section of the website is not meant to be digested in one sitting. Please take one section at a time and process what it means to you and refer back as your comfort level with advocacy grows stronger.

We are drafting content for the third section of the website, Healthy Yard • Healthy Planet. Look for it to launch in a few weeks.

Also Jill and Ellen attended the virtual 2021 NAL Conference. The theme this year was Climate Change Solutions and heard from national experts on Natural Climate Change Solutions, Climate Equity/Innovation and Energy Efficiency, Oceans, and Transportation and Infrastructure. We learned what bills the GCA is watching make their way through the houses of Congress that address those issues, and met with aides from Senator Warner, Senator Kaine, and representative Donald McEachin's offices to advocate for GCA's priorities. For full coverage of NAL 2021, visit <https://www.gcamerica.org/members/nal-conference>.

We contacted the HGW Head Hostesses and Flower Arrangers to ask them to raise the profile of native plants, asking them to highlight any at the houses, and to use in arrangements.

Finance/Karen Gilmore and Kelly Armstrong

Governance/Lynn Jacob

Gifts/Sara Cann

The Gifts Proposals were approved by the February Board and presented to the membership at the zoom February meeting. Membership will vote on the proposal at the May annual meeting.

Fundraising/Betsy Carney (Holiday) and Patricia Hunter (Spring)

No Report for Holiday sale

Plans are being finalized for the Spring Sale. Prices and availability are still in flux. Our committee has secured some fun vendors. Stay tuned as the form will be sent out soon. We will be socially distanced and masked and ready to bring TGC's member gardens to life. The sale is at Liza Carden's house, 3904 Exeter Road.



Membership/Libby Robertson / Martha Moore/ Stephanie Lansing

We held our new member orientation in January as mentioned previously and all 7 new members participated. One remotely. We have our next Flower Hour at Lynn Brooke's on March 18 at 5:30. Meredith Lauter is helping show designs for naturalistic mantle and table arrangements for home. We are using a lot of sticks and hope to get each participant to make something fun to take home. Our next Flower Hour is still scheduled for a garden talk in Jenny Evans garden on April 15, the day after the spring sale.

New members will be invited to Tuckahoe for a garden walk with Sue sometime in April or May, Date TBD.

We sent a reminder out to the new members from last year and this year to sign up for the March 22 workshop / meeting and many of them signed up.

New members may need to be asked to do a shift or two for the spring sale vs. assigning them shifts, as many work.

I want to make sure Melinda Smith signed them all up on GCV and GCA databases and will follow up after Spring Break.

Programs/RoseMarie Bundy

Thanks to Freddie, we are planning for our "Cultivated" program on March 22nd at 1 pm at several members' homes (outside).

No program in April....Plant Sale and HGW.

May- I believe we are undecided on whether we will have this meeting?

Sustainer rep/Susie Benson



Garden Club of America/Kathy Watson

(Flower Shows & Test Collection, Horticulture, Visiting Garden & Scholarship, Garden History & Design)- **information from these committees**

No report

Garden Club of Virginia/Meredith Lauter

(General News, HGW, Flower Shows, Horticulture)-**information from these committees**

Daffodil Day 2021 debuts online April 1. Tuckahoe's own **Anne Poarch** will represent our Club in the Challenge Class. THANK YOU, Anne!!!

Lilies in Bloom has been cancelled by the Rappahannock Valley GC **but stay tuned** - more virtual flower show information to come from GCV.

HGW will be held mainly in open air settings for safety and well-being of all.

"Winter Trees" photography exhibition is online at www.gcvirginia.org. Our District 1 is represented by 20 submissions.

Conservation: A follow up to the 2021 Legislative Workshop held in January will be presented by the GCV C&B Legislative Subcommittee on Thursday, March 18 at 5 p.m. Chairmen and C&B Committee members are encouraged to attend and celebrate 2021 General Assembly environmental successes.

Bessie Bocoock Carter Conservation Award Finalists

This award provides funding to member club conservation or environmental protection projects that will serve as a catalyst for community action within the Commonwealth. Member clubs will vote on the three nominees listed below and submit their choice by March 31 to

communications@gcvirginia.org. 2021 Finalists are: Albemarle Garden Club: "Stream Restoration Education at McIntire Botanical Garden", Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club: "Roundabout Meadows", The Lynchburg Garden Club & Hillside Garden Club: "Roadside Biodiversity Native Perennial Beds"

The Plant RVA Natives Campaign, of which **The James River Garden Club** is a partner, is excited to be collaborating with other campaigns across the state to offer a series of 12 webinars - six this spring and six this fall. The webinars will guide you through why and how to turn your home garden into a beautiful retreat for your family and a native habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Kick-off on March 5, 6:30-8 p.m.

Nature's Best Hope by Doug Tallamy, renowned author of *Nature's Best Hope*.

Tallamy will share simple steps that each of us can take to reverse declining biodiversity and explain why we are nature's best hope. Sign-up for all 12 webinars for just \$10!

Nominating/ Betty Jenkins No report