

Tuckahoe Garden Club

A Winter Prayer: Strengthening Darkness

Each morning when we awaken with light still hiding in the sleeve of winter, may we receive what is needed to meet the challenging requirements of the day.

Like terminal buds drawing strength from the roots of a wintered tree, we greet the darkest days of the year with hope, trusting that the potency of the Holy One's love will reinforce this essence of our being.

When evening arrives each wintered day and our list of "to do" is not fully accomplished, let us enter the darkness and discover gratitude for the positive features that were experienced.

Each day let us remember that winter darkness invites us to breathe in stillness, to rest in the arms of silence, where what is of greatest value can be deepened and enhanced in us.

No matter how expansive the world's suffering, we can unite with that pain through our empathy, the gift of compassion that our experience of darkness empowers in us.

O Strengthening Darkness, we are the terminal buds on the tree of life. Waiting, trusting, remaining hopeful—may these valued movements of the heart increase in us.

Light-filled days will come again into our lives. As the radiant warmth of springtime unfurls the hidden green in buds whose arms wrapped tightly around themselves, so will surprises of future light awaken and unfurl what has seemed forever buried in our winter's repose.

-Joyce Rupp

Fresh Cuts From Jennifer

Dear Ladies of Tuckahoe,

January/February have been very full and fabulous for Tuckahoe and it was great to be able to spend some in-person time together. Please enjoy looking BACK on these past weeks and looking FORWARD to all that is in store.

For anyone who is concerned with floral design limitations in the dead of winter, just take in this EXTRAORDINARY arrangement designed by our very own Meredith and RoseMarie! Imaginative, resourceful, beautiful and ...inspiring!

With Love,

Jennifer



Membership Highlights

February Meeting Highlights

Our meeting at McKinnon and Harris this week provided some much needed brightness in this month of February! The space, Will Massie's presentation, the beautiful furnishings, floral contributions and lovely hosting on the part of all of our hostesses – Chris Shands, Cynthia Ferrell and Sarah Vander Hyde- lead by their creative leader, Freddie Gray, all made for a very fun and memorable evening. Thank you one and all!

For those of you who were unable to be there, enjoy these pictures from the night.





Anne Poarch was awarded the following 3 ribbons.

1 each:

Blue (5 points)

Red (4 points)

Yellow (3 points)

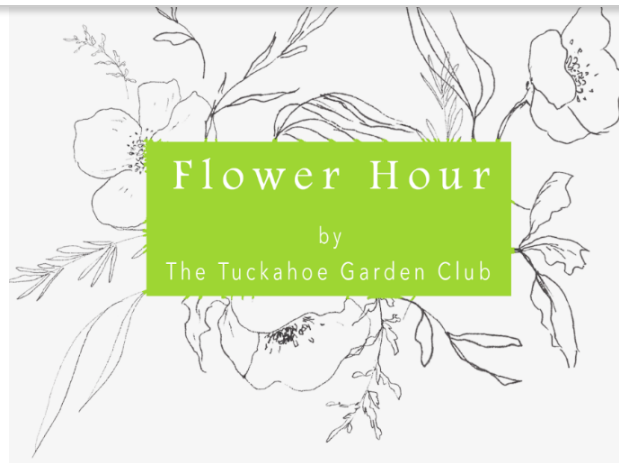


New Member Orientation

Well, it's official...Our newest members have been oriented and are ready to join the ranks of Tuckahoe Garden Club! Our Membership Committee – Martha Moore, Libby Robertson and Stephanie Lansing organized a super orientation for our newset members last week.

Please welcome Renee Montague , Shelly Wiltshire, Anastasia Seevers, Kelly Polk and Elizabeth Mullins.





The Membership committee, once again, organized a fabulous, fun, and educational Flower Hour evening for a group of about 10 of our younger legacy ladies. Jill and Ellen presented a topline conservation piece that was very informative. And Jennifer followed with a few quick, simple, environmentally- friendly loral design ideas. A fun evening was had by all.



Upcoming Program and Calendar Events

March Program

March 23, 2022 (Wednesday)

Hostesses: *Preston Lee, April Greenwood, Lynn Jacob, Arpie Starke

Place: The Kent Valentine House

Time: Refreshments 9:30 am and meeting 10 am

Program: Come join our hosts, Conservation Co-chairs, Ellen Buoyer and Jill Mountcastle, to laugh and learn about current conservation issues as we play "The Future Show"! Special "guest stars" from our Club will be featured, as well as games and prizes. This will be a unique meeting which you will not want to miss!

Artistic Exhibits:

Class II: Create an arrangement that incorporates potted clovers. Container must be green.

Class III: Hooray for Hellebores! Create an arrangement where hellebores are the primary flower. Container of your choice.

Horticulture Exhibits:

Class I: Daffodil – Specimen or Collection

Class II: Shade Perennials

- a. Early Hostas – Specimen or Collection
- b. Mertensia Virginia Bluebells
- c. Natives
- d. Other

Class III: Bulbs other than Daffodils:

- a. Tulips on parade – Specimen or Collection
- b. Camassia
- c. Frittilaria
- d. Allium (The bigger the better)
- e. Muscari
- f. Dutch Iris
- g. Leucojum
- h. Other

Not Judged: Bring an example of something planted for the future

Photography Exhibits:

Class I: “Spring is in the Air” - please submit a photograph of the first blooming flowers of the season.

Class II: “Beautiful Buds” - a photograph of budding or blooming trees.

Class III: “Garden Conservation” - take a picture of an example of practicing conservation in your garden or public garden.

Conservation Exhibits:

Class I: Share and Tell—not judged. Bring a conservation related exhibit for our club to learn about your conservation lifestyle. Anything goes!

Example: You recently installed solar panels in your home—share and tell us about it. Or, this year you purchased an electric car or had an energy audit conducted of your home—share and tell us about it. What is your compost style or a personal conservation reduction or reuse tip—share and tell us about it.

HAND PICKED THIS MONTH

IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 15*

9:00am Board Meeting ZOOM

*Note this is a TUESDAY to accommodate spring breakers from returning
April Board meeting will return to in-person

March 22nd

9:30 Coffee and new members (past 3 classes!)

[March 23rd](#)

9:30am March Membership Meeting
Kent-Valentine House
"The FUTURE SHOW" – NOT to be missed!!!!

[March 29th](#)

GCV Daffodil Day
Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens

[April 4th](#)

9:00am Board Meeting
Home of Jennifer Sisk

[April 13th](#)

TGC Spring Sale

[April 23rd-30th](#)

Historic Garden Week (HGW)

[May 4th](#)

TGC Cocktail Party (finally!)
Home of Jennifer Sisk

[May 9th](#)

9:00am Board Meeting
Home of Jennifer Sisk

[May 18th](#)

11:00 TGC Annual Meeting
Home of Chandler Klevana

Budget Presentation

Please click below to view the budget.

[TGC Budget](#)

Historic Garden Week

Updates



Thank you all for signing up via the Sign Up Genius! Please remember that you are responsible for a substitute if you are unable to meet your shift and PLEASE let Chandler and Maria know of any changes to the SUG.

Tuesday Tour, April 26, 2022

1215 Rothsay Circle	Head Flower Arranger	Peyton Wells
	Head Hostess AM	Karen Gilmore
	Head Hostess PM	Betty Jenkins

900 Portland Place	Head Flower Arranger	Jeanine Hensen
	Head Hostess AM	Liz Carden
	Head Hostess PM	Lisa Burlee

Wednesday Tour, April 27, 2022

3002 Rugby Road	Head Flower Arranger (Flowers Only)	Rose Marie Bundy
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3008 Rugby Road	Head Flower Arranger (Flowers Only)	Renee Gardner
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****Ready for 2022-2024...****

Club Positions Survey

You spoke and we heard you! After Project Perennial we realigned positions and focused on matching your time and talent to the tasks at hand. The results have been terrific, and what an amazing two years we have had despite Covid! We would love to hear your preferences for positions for the next two-year term!

On the survey that is linked, please rank your choices 1, 2 or 3 for the main areas in which you would like to serve. If there is a special job or talent you have, please make a note at the end of the survey. We will try to match your interest and talents to positions as best as possible. If this position attends Board meetings, we have noted that next to the job. And if you want to read about specific jobs tied to each of these areas, please read further for more information. And as ALWAYS if you would like to further understand or have any questions you would like to chat about please contact Jennifer or Kelly.

Thanks for taking the time to help with your feedback!

Please go to link below and complete by March 1st.

<https://www.tuckahogardenclub.com/vote>

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

Committee Reports



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 restrictions have lifted we will move back to our by-laws for attendance which state: **a member may miss up to two meetings per year.**

This being said, if you are not able or comfortable attending a program in person it is your responsibility to notify Charlotte Clarkson 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 Charlotte IS REQUIRED.

Members please send any updates to your contact information to Molly Revere Molly.revere@gmail.com as soon as possible.



GARDEN CLUB
OF VIRGINIA



The British Are Coming!

March 29, 2022

2-5 p.m.

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

1800 Lakeside Avenue

Richmond, Virginia 23228

Free of Charge and Open to the
Public

2022 GCV Calendar Highlights

Daffodil Day 2022

March 29, 2022

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

Paula Pryke Floral Demonstration

May 12, 2022

Virginia Museum of History & Culture

Lilies in Bloom 2022

June 14, 2022

Rappahannock Valley Garden Club



THE GARDEN CLUB *of* AMERICA

From GCA's Program Committee On Demand Series Virtual Programs on the GCA Virtual page. Go to read, watch , shop on the Member page and go to Videos. These are all great 30 to 40 minutes programs which are educational and will fill you up with great ideas for the coming months on how to give back to our communities!

"Making of a Flower Flash Creating Goodwill" with Lewis Miller

" Planning your Kitchen Garden for the year" with Nicole Burke

March 1, 2022 "Vitamin N Isn't Just for Kids! On Children, Adults and Nature- Deficit Disorder" with Richard Louv

IDEAS for your club and GREAT WINTER READS!

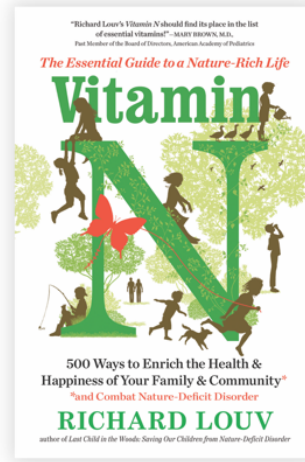
WATCH INSPIRE GIVE BACK

The Program Committee hopes you will utilize the *On Demand* Video programs to inspire exciting new activities for your clubs. Start with a small group of members or include your

A few ideas for our club

- Start a book club watching the videos **inspiring** the reading of each of the speakers' featured books and **giving back** to your communities with a selected activity.
- Ask our Projects Committee to organize a Flower Flash in your community much like Lewis Miller did in NYC.
- Encourage our Horticulture Committee to start a planting project either with a nearby school or club members to initiate a kitchen garden for the spring.
- Initiate a raised bed project growing food within your community where the need might be the greatest using Nicole Burke's "Kitchen Garden Revival".
- Create nature projects with and for children and adults using Richard Louv's "Vitamin N" book

Here are some good winter books to read which tie in with the GCA Program Committee's On Demand Virtual programs. Get reading and consider the possibilities!



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2021-2022 Guidelines for Health & Safety

As we continue to navigate through Covid-19, please note that the wearing of masks will continue to be encouraged for anytime we are gathered in enclosed/indoor spaces, regardless of vaccination status.



*The kiss of sun for pardon,
 The song of the birds for mirth,
 One is nearer to God's heart in a garden,
 Than anywhere else on Earth.*

We pray for all our members, especially those in great need including:

- Missy Ryan
- Hylah Boyd
- Ginni Mackenzie

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