

Tuckahoe Garden Club Monthly Board Reports

February 2023

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/Ellen Buoyer

Club Voting for GCA Founder's Fund Grant

Each year GCA awards a \$30,000 grant to an exceptional community project proposed by GCA club. Two runners-up receive \$10,000 each. The GCA Civic Improvement Committee narrows the proposals down to three finalists, and *our job as a club is to vote for one winner*. We will vote on this at the upcoming membership meeting on February 15. Please review the three finalists below. More in-depth information about each project can be found in the current GCA Bulletin on pages 51-57.

Cylburn Arboretum Friends – Nature Education Center Garden

St. George's GC, Zone VI Baltimore, Maryland

St. George's Garden Club proposes to partner with Cylburn Arboretum Friends, a non-profit supporting Cylburn, an admission-free public garden and arboretum in Baltimore, to build an outdoor classroom to complete the vision for the new Cylburn Arboretum Nature Education Center. This classroom will enhance the experience of school groups, day camps and visitors, highlighting native plants and trees. Garden club members look forward to working on installation of new plant material and signage for exhibits.

The Butterfly and Bee Pollinator Meadow at Chickasaw Park in Honor of Muhammad Ali

Glenview GC, Zone VII, Louisville, Kentucky

Glenview Garden Club proposes to build a butterfly and bee pollinator meadow and family picnic area in Chickasaw Park. The park is believed to be the only one designed for the Black community by Frederick Law Olmsted and his firm during the era of segregation. Muhammad Ali lived nearby and trained on its grounds. The Chickasaw neighborhood suffers from disproportionately high air pollution due to nearby chemical plants. The new meadow and trees will mitigate the pollution by capturing carbon and filtering particulate matter. The garden club has raised over \$12,000 already and hopes the \$30,000 grant will allow for completion of this project.

Sowing and Growing Evanston Grows: Urban Gardens and Community

Garden Club of Evanston, Illinois, Zone XI

The Garden Club of Evanston proposes to partner with Evanston Grows, a non-profit collective of community organizations aimed at reducing food insecurity and increasing health equity in Evanston’s underserved neighborhoods. Funds from the grant will be used to establish a large urban food garden, improve the Eggleston Garden developed in 2022, and develop educational programs aimed at the residents. The entire grant would provide short term relief for food insecurity and health equity and long-term sustainability of the urban gardens.

Second VP/Database /Rita Ryan - No report

Recording Secretary/Penny Peebles

Approval of January 2023 Board Meeting minutes

Communications Director/Betsy Carney

No update.

Please send all communication to the club through me, thank you.

Treasurer/Kathy Watson

-The finance committee met on 1/23 and have begun work on the 23/24 proposed budget. It will be presented to membership at the March meeting.

-Our income tax for 9/1/21-8/31/22 has been filed.

-Remember that gifts to our ‘Endowment’ are a wonderful way to honor or memorialize members.

-Current balances as of 1/25/2023

BOA checking- **\$31,403.89**

BOA savings-**\$51,759.19**

'Endowment'-**\$79,657.75**

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Communications/Stephanie Lansing and Lisa Burlee

Please send February newsletter information to stephanielansing@gmail.com by Feb.3. Anticipated February newsletter distribution is Feb 8. Thank you!

Community Projects and Long Range plans/Freddie Gray

Christina and Kelly met with Beth Spivey and Rich Conti at the Science Museum on Jan 20th to get an update on the progress with The Green. They are funded for Phase 1 and are moving to Phase 2. Christina and Kelly asked if there will be any native plant or conservation strategy in this next phase that TGC might be able to fund. TGC is looking to make a generous gift to an organization in honor of our centennial in 5 years, in celebration of all that our club has contributed to the Richmond area over the last 100 years. Beth acknowledged that the Science Museum is so appreciative of all the support TGC has given them over the past 40 plus years and they look forward to proposing 3 ways a gift could support their horticulture and conservation efforts through The Green. Beth will be working with Tyler Holtzman on a formal proposal to be presented to our club we hope by this April.

Freddie is going to reach out to Capital Trees and Kelly would like us to contact Giles Garrison, the new director of the James River Park Systems.

Conservation/Linda Hanson and Fran McDermott

No report.

Finance/Kathy Watson and Kelly Armstrong

Governance/Katherine Salt

Gifts/Preston Lee

This month the Gifts Committee is submitting a preliminary gift schedule for 2023-24 to the Finance Committee for their inclusion in next year's budget.

Fundraising/Chandler Klevana and Lisa Brennan (Holiday) and Cynthia Ferrell (Spring)

Programs/Martha Moore/ Susan Ewing/ Cara Rogers/ Patricia Hunter

- Leslie Harris from Charlottesville will speak at the February 15th meeting on the topic “Thoughtful Gardening: Balancing Beauty, Fun and Awareness” we will have a sneak a peek article in the Feb 8 newsletter. Hope you all will come to Linda Hanson’s beautiful home! Fun to try a night meeting!
- We are doing research on a possible trip for 2024, and will keep you posted when we have more details.
- We are also exploring programs for next year. Please let us know any topics you would like to learn about, speakers that you know are good or any program ideas you might think we need to add for next year.
- At the March 22 meeting at Maymont where we will learn about Natives and invasives from Bill Shanabruch of Reedy Creek Environmental LLC, we will also provide pots and tags for you to take home to share your garden plants at the April 12 Spring Sale. We were originally going to do this plant exchange at the May meeting but have moved it up to the April 12 date instead. Please divide your perennials and share your favorite plants with fellow members.
- James River is hosting a special speaker on February 22 at 10:00 am . Paige Dickey is a very good garden writer who recently wrote Uprooted which details the move she made in her 60s to a new garden and starting her home garden all over. Kelly will offer spots to 20 of our members. Please let Kelly know if you would like to go! James River is nice to invite us! Paige is on the GCA National Speaker List.

Membership/Jennifer Sisk

Membership had our new member orientation to welcome 6 new members at the home of Anastasia Seevers and it was a fun success!

The committee will present proposed membership by-law changes to the Board at the February meeting.
Committee has researched the addition of an Affiliate Category to TGC membership and will present recommendations to the board for discussion in February.

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Sustainer/Tricia Sauer

Nominating/Betty Jenkins

No report

GCV/Meredith Lauter

GCA/Liz Carden

Floral Design workshop on February 28 is virtual and open to all GCA members and FREE. Register by February 23.

The conference will consist of two sessions on February 28th and we hope you are able to attend both! Each session of this conference is a live Zoom Webinar featuring pre-recorded presentations followed by interactive Q and A sessions with the designers.

This conference will illustrate the many ways designers are inspired to create in their own style and help you to find your own artistic floral direction. We will explore the simplicity and elegance of Ikebana, Japanese floral design, which will help us to learn to “see” nature differently and to listen to the voice of our materials. We will also explore the use of line and its importance in the creation of dynamic designs. Botanical arts tips will wow us and hope to encourage all of you to explore this medium. Sign up NOW on Member page . Events and conferences and find Floral Design Conference.

Ikebana Speaker , **Ilse Beunen**, Ikebana artist , Belgium

Ingrid Carozzi, Floral Designer , Tin Can Studios, New York

Liz Woznecraft , Designer, Garden Club of Houston

Alice Farley and Leslie Purple, Wissichickon Garden Club

New Vice Chairman of GCA announced in Winter Bulletin who will follow Marilyn Donahue as president.(Marilyn follows Debbie Oliver June 30 of this year for a two year term. Marilyn’s successor will be Mary Harman from Zone X who is a cochair of this year’s GCA Annual Meeting in May in Columbus , Ohio.

It would be good we if we could look now at photography and botanical arts and any Horticulture or Artistic classes we could enter for the Annual Meeting. Our delegate and Kelly could take them to the Annual Meeting to enter. See schedule online under Annual Meeting 2023 flower show.

