
Please read and enjoy this update from "The Tuckahoe News"

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Tuckahoe Garden Club

Fresh Cuts From Ellen



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I think we can all agree that 2025 has gotten off to a rocky start: deaths of loved ones, scary health diagnoses, the water debacle, wildfires, plane crashes, extreme cold and snow, power outages, and school closures. I don't know a soul who has been spared.

With a bit of reluctance, I forged on with this newsletter despite feeling we have enough to process without putting more opportunities and reminders in front of you. You know what they say about bandwidth. So, I hope you will read this issue with the love of gardening and your TGC friends in mind, remembering what it means to come together as a club and help each other during times of need.

-Ellen

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February Membership Meeting

This month's membership meeting will help us get our minds ready to garden. Our garden veterans, **Sue Thompson and Abbie Wharton** will lead us through the tasks and considerations for preparing your garden for spring. Whether you are a novice or experienced gardener, you won't want to miss this meeting.

Date: Wednesday, February 19, 10:30 coffee, 11:00 program

Location: Kent Valentine House, [12 East Franklin Street](#)

Parking: There are three options for parking at the KVH:

- On-street parking around the KVH includes metered and free spots, but all are limited to a maximum of 2 hours.
- Parking lot at Grace and 2nd. Enter from Grace Street. KVH is one block west.
- Parking at the public lot behind the KVH at Grace and Foushee. It is recommended that you do not use the Park Mobile App. Instead, you can scan the QR code on the sign at Grace and Foushee, select "Continue in Browser," and follow the prompts to make the payment.

There is a handicapped option: Call 804-643-4137 to arrange for someone to meet you at the back/side door, which will lead to the elevator.

Allow ample time to find and pay for parking.

Exhibits:

Floral Design Exhibits:

- Class I: "Snow Globe"- Create a whimsical floral arrangement nestled inside a transparent sphere, open or enclosed. The "snow globe" can stand alone or be a part of the arrangement itself.
- Class II: "Cascade of Red and Pink"- Create a floral arrangement characterized by a dramatic use of shades of red and pink blooms. Please use a white container.
- **Please note: The TGC Fine Arts and Flowers exhibit will be rescheduled for fall 2025.**

Horticulture Exhibits:

- Class I: Tree or Berry Branches - Specimen
- Class II: Hellebores - Specimen/Collection
- Class III: Early Blooming Bulbs or Early Bloomers - Specimen/Collection

Photography Exhibits

- Class I - Submit a photo of a Native tree, deciduous or evergreen (please identify the tree).
- Class II - “Curb Appeal” What makes a house have curb appeal? Submit a photo of your interpretation of “curb appeal.”
- Class III - Plastic use - Eliminating plastic use from daily life is a large, complicated task. Share a creative photo depicting three plastic-eliminating techniques you have adopted. Props are allowed. Do not include plastic bag recycling - they may end up in the incinerator or, worse, general trash!

Conservation at Membership Meeting

Lauren Neal will present more information regarding the effects of plastics on our lives. Don't miss it!

Please Note: The KV House is not conducive to plastic bag collection so that Chandler Klevana will have a bag pick-up the week of February 24-28. Text her when your bag is ready, and she'll pick it up or meet you at a convenient place.

Membership Update

Membership Status

If you wish to change your, please email [Betsy Carney](#), Membership Chair, by March 31. Requests to move from Active to Sustainer are considered on a first-requested, first-served basis.

Flower Hour returns!

Learn to pot herbs with Martha Moore

- Date: Wednesday, May 7 (this was incorrectly listed in the Green Book as May 5)
- Time: 5:30 to 7:30 pm (this is a slight time change)
- Location: Home of Martha Moore, 6425 Roselawn Road

Please Note: By popular demand, this program is now open for members to attend for just a \$30 fee. A sign-up will go out in March/April.

Capital Trees 15-Year Celebration

Now, it is our turn to help celebrate 15 successful years of Capital Trees. See below for a brief history and purpose of the organization we helped found, as well as information on how you can participate in the celebration.

Capital Trees

FOUNDERS' UPDATE



What began as a collaboration among the Tuckahoe, James River, Three Chopt, and Boxwood garden clubs, Capital Trees has become a respected leader in transforming Richmond's public greenspaces, where we strive to awaken, restore, and transform the environment and everyone who lives in it. We create public greenspaces that are not just beautiful, but vital. **NOW TURNING 15**, we would not be able to do this work without the vision and commitment of our founding clubs and their members. **THANK YOU** for helping us build a future where greenspaces heal both the soil and the soul. March 20 we celebrate this milestone, unveiling a new brand identity and possibly an exciting new project!

March 20 Capital Trees Celebrates a 15th Birthday and Members of Tuckahoe GC are invited to participate in a variety of ways.

1. **DONATE** in honor of Tuckahoe Garden Club and **be part** of a LEAD MATCH for their annual Spring Match Giving Campaign (First Day Spring - Earth Day).
2. **SIGN-UP** for Capital Trees updates and to learn of opportunities, like volunteer workdays, tours of our project sites, and plant giveaways.
3. **PURCHASE TICKETS AND ATTEND THE CELEBRATION**

March 20, 2025, 6:30pm - 9:30pm, Main Street Station Headhouse

For more information contact Anne Poarch, Capital Trees Advancement Director,
804-564-2568 or agpoarch@gmail.com

Capital Trees Quick Links here:

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History Blooms at Virginia Museum of History and Culture

History Blooms 2025 is around the corner at the Virginia Museum of History & Culture!

The dates are February 28th through March 2nd. The theme for this Garden Club of Virginia event is "Step into the Garden," which includes a hands-on floral workshop, floral demonstrations, a virtual tour of beautiful gardens, and much more.

Our Club is participating in the floral exhibition, and Penny Peebles and Renee Montague are teaming up to create a theme-based flower arrangement. They will undoubtedly make us all so proud of Tuckahoe Garden Club.

[Click here for more information and to purchase tickets.](#)

Let's go!
-RoseMarie Bundy

Daffodil Day - *Windmills & Daffodils*



Daffodil Day, a GCV flower show, will take place on March 26 from 2 to 5 pm at Virginia Wesleyan University. The show features floral design, horticulture, and photography exhibits. [Click here](#) for the show schedule. As chair of the Artistic Design for GCV, Renee

Gardner wrote the artistic exhibit schedule. RoseMarie Bundy has offered to transport our club entries to Virginia Beach; contact her to arrange for your entry to make the trip with her.

If you are interested in daffodils or are considering submitting an entry, consider joining the Cultivating Conversations virtual meeting sponsored by the GCV Daffodil Committee on February 21 from 10 to 11 am. [Click here](#) for more information.

Memorials



Pall Training Opportunity

Last week, Ruth Cunningham and Helen Pinckney taught Catherine Driscoll and Mary Mason Foukal how to make a pall at Peyton Wells' home. They created this beautiful pall for Mary Meade Davenport's casket. We need flower arrangers whom the Memorials Chair can call on when the family requests a pall.

Blessedly, this effort is not needed often, but it is a special tradition the club does to honor a deceased member. We need actives or sustainers who would like to participate in this important effort. Please get in touch with [Betty](mailto:bettyjenkins@icloud.com) (bettyjenkins@icloud.com) to express your interest.

Historic Garden Week Volunteer Sign-up



The online sign-up for hosting at our assigned homes for Historic Garden Week has been published. **Volunteering for an HGW shift is one of the few membership requirements we maintain for TGC.**

Please [click here](#) to sign up for your shift. It will take all of us to make this successful!

GCA Founders Fund Finalist - Share the News



This neglected space is a before image that will be enhanced as part of the Green Space Project at the Virginia War Memorial.

We are a FINALIST for the GCA Founders Fund!

Our proposal is The Virginia War Memorial Green Space Project, written and spearheaded by RoseMarie Bundy.

Here's how the selection process works:

- The GCA Civic Improvement and Grants Committee selects the three finalists from several proposals, one of which is ours. Each finalist is guaranteed \$10,000, and the winner receives \$40,000.
- All GCA clubs vote for the winning project via electronic ballot. The voting deadline is April 1. The winner will be announced at the GCA Annual Meeting in Ponte Vedra on April 25 and 26.
- You should have received an email on February 4 with information to share with your friends in other GCA clubs. I encourage you to talk this up with them. Imagine the impact we can make on the green space at the Virginia War Memorial with \$40,000!

GCA Website Profile - Update your Photo

We are all members of the Garden Club of America. It is important for our club to have a presence on its website, which means you need to have a complete profile, including your photo, on gcamerica.org.

The website is a treasure trove of fascinating information for you to discover. Want expert advice on how to plan your kitchen garden? A video is just a click away [here](#). Does Lewis Miller inspire you with his Flower Flashes? Find out his secrets to creating goodwill through flowers [in this video](#). Want to find out more about Phoam, the soon-to-be-released alternative to Oasis? [Watch here](#). We are in GCA Zone VII. What does that mean? What other clubs are in our zone? [Click here to find out more](#).

Here is the [email](#) sent to the membership on February 1 with the subject line: GCA website... Please complete it by 2/10.

If you want in-person help, Karen Berson will be at the check-in area at 10:30 before our membership meeting on Wednesday; she will also be available after the meeting.

Please endeavor to complete this task. While on the site, explore its offerings.

Conservation Opportunity at the Spring Sale

The Spring Sale Committee and the Conservation Committee are teaming up to bring a new dimension to our annual sale.

Watch your email for an exciting opportunity to edit your garden shed, potting stand, flower supplies closet, and bookshelf and enable others to enjoy your gently used garden items.

Stay tuned!

The Big Switch is Confirmed

With thanks to the Virginia Beach Garden Club, we have been able to move our hosting of the GCV Annual Meeting from 2027 to 2028. VBGC has agreed to take the hosting duty for 2027. This allows us to focus on chairing Historic Garden Week in 2027 without turning around three weeks later to host the annual meeting. We are grateful to the board of The Virginia Beach Garden Club for considering this switch and hustling to make it happen over the holidays.

Dogwood Divas Bloom at Botanical Arts Workshop

It may have been frigidly cold outside, but on January 22, it was warm with friendship and learning at Peyton Wells' home. Many thanks to Peyton, who led two workshops for a total of twelve TGC members. We learned the mechanics and creativity of botanical arts and created dogwood blossoms with Peyton's patient guidance. We came away with profound

respect for artistry, horticulture knowledge, and skill that botanical arts require. Look for an exhibit or two next year in botanical arts to stretch your wings.



Meredith Lauter's video teaches how to create a Casual Contemporary floral design.



As promised, the second tutorial video featuring Meredith Lauter is available. She made two videos, a longer introductory one ([Casual Contemporary 1](#)) and a second ([Casual Contemporary 2](#)), which is shorter and builds upon the first video. The videos reside on Ellen's YouTube account, so you know where you

are clicking through ahead of time. We are fortunate to have Meredith's talent and willingness to share it in our club.

Mark Your Calendars

Membership Meetings

(all meetings are on Wednesdays)

February 19 at 10:30 am

Ready, Set, Garden!

Kent Valentine House, [12 East Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23219](#)

Hostesses: Karen Berson, Margaret Ivey, Betty Jenkins

March 19 at 6:00 pm

Spring Containers Created by Lisa

Kim Faison Antiques, 2111 Lake Avenue, Richmond, VA

Hostesses: Anne Kempe, Jennifer Sisk, Kathy Watson, Abbie Wharton

Board Reports

Keep up with your Board's activity by reading the monthly Board Report for [January](#) and [February](#).

Member Support

Missing a meeting? Please email Fran McDermott before the meeting: fbmcd@aol.com

Have a great picture for the newsletter or website? Send to:
tuckahoegardenclub@gmail.com

Need to send an email to the Membership? Send a draft to:
Stephanie Lansing and Ellen Buoyer:
stephanielansing@gmail.com
5buoyers@gmail.com

Your address, email or phone number changed? Send changes to
Fran McDermott: fbmcd@aol.com

Want to share photos?

If you like to take photos at our club events, please share them. We will use them in our newsletter, Instagram account and in various reports we send to GCV and GCA.

Here's the simple process:

Email photos to tuckahoegardenclub@gmail.com. Please identify the subjects in the photo and event where it was taken.

Tell us what you think about this newsletter format and content!
Email Jennifer Wilkins jennyrw99@gmail.com with any comments, questions or concerns.

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