

Tuckahoe Garden Club

Fresh Cuts From Kelly



The past few weeks has been a joy to be a member of Tuckahoe Garden Club and witness the sheer engagement and support for our thriving membership. Our time together has included an invigorating Bike & Basket Tour with member Anne Poarch for 17 of our members, followed by lunch at Jeanine Hinson's beautiful home, Evelyton. We all gathered to learn about growing roses at Maria Reed's astounding rose garden. Our club members then put on their GCA hats to support and engage in the Zone VII Meeting, offering James River GC support for the meeting and by submitting bountiful entries in the Ebb&Flow flower show. All this followed by a morning of community work at Shalom Farms by 12 members. My message to you this month is to find and share your passion with our membership. There are so many ways to engage and we hope you are finding paths to grow and share your knowledge and talents with others, building lifelong friendships along the way. ~Kelly

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IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday October 18, 2023

9:30 a.m. coffee, 10 a.m. Business Meeting, 11:15 optional workshop

Tuckahoe Plantation

RSVP [HERE](#)

Thursday, October 19, 2023

5:30 p.m. Flower Hour: "A Fall Full of Flowers"

Home of Jennifer Sisk

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

9 a.m. Board Meeting

Home of Kelly Armstrong

Thursday, October 26, 2023

12 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. Sustainer & New Members Luncheon

Home of Kelly Armstrong

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

7:00 p.m. Conservation Pop-Up Night

Home of Ellen Buoyer

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

12:15 p.m. Joint Meeting with James River

"Peonies in the Landscape"

Virginia War Memorial

Upcoming Program & Calendar of Events

October 18, 2023 (Wednesday) Business Meeting

Program: "The ABC's of Growing Dahlias" - Molly Adams, GCA Horticulture Judge from The Little Garden Club of Lookout Mountain.

Program is followed by optional Horticulture Workshop "Layering Bulbs in Containers" by Brent Heath from Brent and Becky's Bulbs. The optional program is \$45 per participant.

Sign up [HERE](#).

Location: Tuckahoe Plantation, 12601 River Road

Time: 9:30 coffee, 10 a.m. program, 11:15 optional horticulture workshop.

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**Artistic Exhibits:**

Class I: "Fall in Love." Create an arrangement using your favorite flowers from your garden. Container should be white.

Class II: "Leaf it Be." - Using only items that come from a tree (leaves, branches, bark, etc), create an arrangement in a container of your choice.

Class III: "Color Me Happy." - Create an arrangement highlighting the colors of fall. Container of your choice.

Horticulture Exhibits:

Class I: Anemones

Class II: Autumn leaves or branches with architectural interest - Specimen or Collection

Class III: Surprise Us!

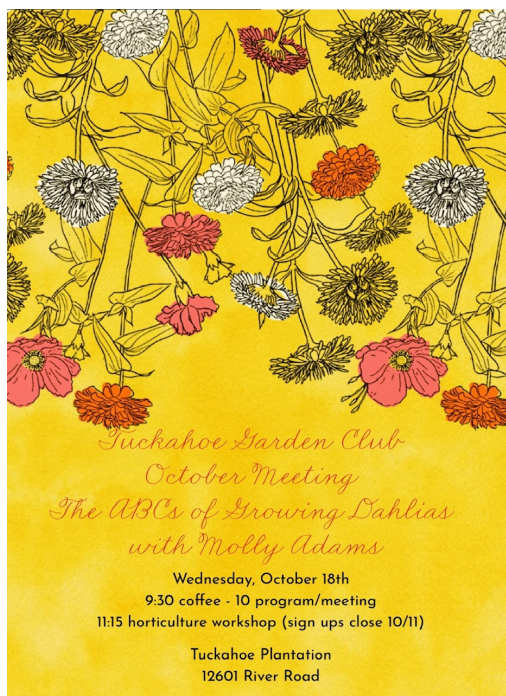
Photography Exhibits:

Class I: Dazzling Dahlias - share a single stunning specimen of a dahlia or daffodil.

Class II: Field of Dreams - showcase a naturalized area of daffodils.

Class III: Garden Vignette - capture memories of your garden with a vignette photograph. ex. clippers, potting bench and blooms.

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The ABC's of Growing Beautiful Dahlias **Molly Adams from Lookout Mountain Garden Club**

Molly is a talented horticulturist and GCA Horticulture Judge from Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. She and Sue Thompson are great friends from serving on the GCA Horticulture Committee and Judging committees together. Molly not only knows how to judge, but also how to GROW. She is a beautiful gardener and is always after new plants and learning new things. She is a passionate expert on daffodils as well as now active in the Dahlia society. She received a bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a major in Horticulture. She is working on completing a Certificate in Native Plants. In the ABC's we will cover

- When is the best time to plant dahlias?
- What is a tuber?
- Do you know how to stake them?
- How do you dig up tubers to store over the winter?
- What are the best varieties to grow for all season fall color and which dahlias have the sturdiest stems?
- When do you disbud them for strongest blooms?

PLUS MORE! You will not want to miss all of her great information and tips about growing dahlias!!!



October 18th Bulb Workshop

Join us after the October 18 meeting for Layering Bulbs in Containers, hosted by Brent Heath from Brent & Becky's Bulbs. The cost is \$45 for each participant and includes a

Brent and his family (including his wife Becky) have been busy growing beautiful bulbs since 1900 in Gloucester Virginia on their 28 acre farm. On the farm, over 8 acres are education gardens where visitors learn about sustainable gardening. They use the gardens to demonstrate sustainable, chemical free growing practices . Brent is doing a talk for us on bulb layering and then hosting a workshop outside of the side door of Tuckahoe for the lucky participants who signed up. We all want to learn how to have beautiful containers with bulbs and how to arrange them artistically and effectively for their bloom time. Bring a trowel if you are signed up for the workshop! We have a horticultural celebrity in the house! Brent is a real treat!

Signup [HERE](#)-- contact Abbie Wharton with any questions.
Please sign up by Wednesday, October 11.

Garden Club of America Zone VII Meeting



GCA Zone VII Meeting Flower Show

Presented by The James River Garden Club
Richmond, Virginia
September 25-27, 2023

Firstly, congratulations go to **Martha Moore who received the Creative Leadership Award**, which is the highest award given in Zone VII for her dedication to GCA at the Club, Zone and National level. Martha has supported many GCA initiatives over the years, and her passion for horticulture has been the common thread. Martha has been a great mentor and leader to so many over the years. CONGRATS MARTHA!

Martha's encouragement for horticulture entries at this show produced prolific results! **Tuckahoe won the "Corliss Knapp Engle" Zone Horticulture Sweepstakes Award!!** You are probably saying, what in the world is that? Well, it is an award for the greatest number of points achieved in horticulture entries! We had 10 members enter 72 specimens, winning 63 ribbons in Hort!! What?? That is crazy!! Even more impressive is

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practices. Go girls!

And can I mention that **Anne Poarch won the Catherine Beattie Medal**, which is awarded for a specimen with vibrancy, in prime condition, and perfection of grooming. Her "rudbeckia" specimen was sublime!

Our entry in the Horticulture Class Challenge received 4th place out of 18 club entries, well done! Congrats to Sue Thompson, Jennifer Sisk, Carey Viego and April Greenwood for their support of this entry.

Others who entered horticulture and won ribbons included Maria Reed, Lisa Elliott, Karen Gilmore, Betsy Mitchell, Martha Moore, RoseMarie Bundy, Jennifer Sisk and me! Everyone who entered won a ribbon! **Congrats all you Hort Queens!!**

In the Artistic division, **congratulations to Renee Gardner and RoseMarie Bundy for their 3rd prize win** for a beautiful tablescape entry (loved it so much!)

Congrats to Peyton Wells who received a Judges Accommodation for her Botanical Arts Division IV class "Botanical Challenge", and to **Lisa Brennan who won a second place** in this class! Amazing for both ladies!

I (**Kelly Armstrong**) was very humbled to win **Best in Show** for my photograph of flowers at the Low Line below the train trestle. This proves that anyone who takes a risk at these shows can achieve great things. Maybe next time that will be you! Congrats also to Tricia Sauer for her third place win!

Congrats to **Jennifer Sisk for receiving the Medal of Merit Award** at the Awards Dinner for her inspirational leadership of Tuckahoe Garden Club.

Thanks to all the members who clerked and passed at the show including Martha Moore, Meredith Lauter, Kathy Watson, Sue Thompson, RoseMarie Bundy, Ellen Buoyer, Penny Peebles, and Preston Lee.

Many thanks to Meredith Lauter for her talented support of the Artistic Schedule for the show, and to RoseMarie Bundy, Renee Gardner, Peyton Wells, Kathy Watson, Sue Thompson and April Greenwood who were instrumental in providing organizing hands for the entire week. Thank you to Anastasia Seevers for organizing our Flower Show Tour!! And thank you to Cara Rogers for being my steadfast Delegate!



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Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference

Historic Gardens of Hawaii

October 18, 2023

All club members are invited to attend the GCA's 2023 Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference!

On October 18, attendees will join us online for tours of ten historic gardens on the islands of Oahu, Kauai, and Maui. A fire ecologist from the University of Hawaii will speak on the recent, tragic wildfires. Special featured segments will include how to cook with breadfruit, the art of weaving flowers into beautiful lei, and so much more!

Plan to attend two unique sessions, with a break in between:

- **1 pm ET** (12 pm CT, 11 am MT, 10 am PT) ending at 3:30 pm ET.
- **4 pm ET** (3 pm CT, 2 pm MT, 1 pm PT) ending at 6 pm ET.

Registration Information

Registration is free and open to all GCA club members.*
We welcome groups hosting watch parties among their membership, however we request that all individual attendees register for the conference to ensure clear communications.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER](#)

Contact Information

Questions about the conference? Please contact smhc@gcamerica.org

For all registration related questions, please contact registrations@gcamerica.org

The conference sessions will be held as Zoom webinars. For tips and tutorials on participating in Zoom meetings with the GCA, visit [Virtual GCA Trainings](#) on the GCA website.

Shalom Farms

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**What can 12 determined Tuckahoe Garden Clubbers do on a pretty fall morning?
Can you imagine that they could harvest 1,000 pounds of Sweet Potatoes??**

That is exactly what we did on October 4th at Shalom Farms in Powhatan, right off of Huguenot Road near Rt 288. Shalom Farms is a non-profit farm and food justice organization working for an equitable food system in Richmond, VA. We arrived at around 9am and started with a tour of the garden hoop houses and grounds which are richly planted with beautiful vegetables and some lovely zinnias. Shalom Farms grows over 600,000 servings of Certified Naturally Grown produce for over 10,000 people in need of fresh food annually, distributed through their own pop up shops. Many thanks to our work crew: Cara, Patricia, Anastasia, Cynthia, Audra, Betty, Tricia, Betsy, Ellen, and Chandler!



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Membership

We are delighted to announce that we will be accepting six new members into our club this fall. Please begin thinking about friends and acquaintances whom you believe would be ideal candidates for membership - 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. While doing so, please also take a moment to review the membership requirements in the TGC handbook. Here are a few points to consider:

- An Active member proposes a candidate along with the endorsement of two additional Active members. An Active member may propose a candidate for membership every other year. Active members may endorse one candidate for membership annually. The following members successfully proposed candidates for membership in 2022. Thus, they are ineligible to do so this year:

Charlotte Clarkson

RoseMarie Bundy

Susan Ewing

Chandler Klevana

Martha Moore

Caroline Williams

If, for any reason, you have a great candidate but are unable to propose this year, please contact your membership co-chairs. We will gladly help you identify other active members who are willing to do help sponsor and endorse!

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- The proposed candidate for membership must have resided in the greater Richmond area for at least two consecutive years prior to their proposal date, or only one calendar year immediately preceding the proposal date if previously a resident of greater Richmond for two or more years.
- The proposed candidate for membership should have an active interest in gardening, horticulture, flower arranging or conservation. Please also indicate if your candidate has additional talents and experience in such areas as accounting, marketing, social media and marketing or lobbying, to name a few.
- Candidates who are voted into membership are expected to attend monthly meetings, serve as a host to the Club, exhibit horticulture and participate in all club projects, especially Historic Garden Week.

In order to propose a candidate:

- Go to our website [HERE](#)
- Click on 'Membership' tab, scroll down and see pink box with 'Membership Proposal Form'

All nominations bios will be viewable online. Please complete the form by **October 18th**. Voting will begin October 26th and end November 7th. New members will be announced at the November 15th membership meeting.

Thanks so much in advance for your help on this important effort. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

Questions:

Charlotte Clarkson (clarksoncharlotte@gmail.com)

Anastasia Seevers (ahseevers@gmail.com)

Jennifer Sisk (jsiskcomm@gmail.com)

Membership Co-Chairs

September Meeting Highlights



Conservation

Join us for **"Conservation Pop-up Night", November 14, 7pm @ Ellen Buoyer's home.** We'll share our favorite conservation tips, enjoy some light refreshments, and even play some games. Please RSVP to Fran FBMCDER@aol.com or Linda lmhrva@gmail.com

The Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation www.dvr.virginia.gov offers great resources and advice for adding native plants to your garden this fall. You can develop a custom list of native plants for your region & habitat conditions, find a local nursery that propagates native species, & view a digital atlas of the flora of Virginia. Send us your photos of your garden additions or transformations!



Please follow Tuckahoe Garden Club on Instagram for more conservation news and tips!
[@tuckahoegardenclub](https://www.instagram.com/tuckahoegardenclub)

Community Engagement & Long Term Planning

Our committee has spent the last 12 months surveying the needs of different organizations in our City as potential partners for a Centennial Project to celebrate 100 years of TGC in 2028. There are so many wonderful opportunities to engage, and we have landed on a concept we call "100 trees for 100 years". Our goal would be to plant 100 white oaks in and around Richmond over the next 10 years, celebrating each of our 100 years with a tree in our community. Our first commitment for trees would be five trees for the Virginia War Memorial, which is seeking funding for this exact need. We presented this Centennial Concept and the Virginia War Memorial gift plan at our Sept 20th meeting, noting a \$7500 gift required for the first five trees. Moving forward after these initial 5

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Pam Seay, President of the VWM Foundation, has offered us the opportunity of being the designated supporter of "The Gold Star Oak Grove". The Gold Star designation, as I am sure you know, is for members of the military who have died during their service to our Country. The Oak Grove will consist of five, 3" caliper, native White Oak (*Quercus Alba*) trees. The trees will initially be 14 to 16 feet in height and will reach a height of 80 to 100 feet with a wide canopy of 40 to 70 feet. . Specimens have been documented to be over 450 years old. The trees will be located together in a very prominent area. The estimated cost per tree is \$1,500.00 for a total gift totaling \$9,000.00. This amount will be matched by one of the Foundations already "on board" and the additional funds will be used for other plantings.

We will have a Membership vote on this project at our October 25th meeting.

Garden Club of Virginia



2nd Cultivating Conversations - "Arranging Mechanics & Conditioning" - October 23 by Zoom, 5 pm - free - register [HERE](#). If you missed 1st Cultivating Conversations with Molly Trapani, Michaela Robinson, Jennifer Kelley, and Meg Turner, "Designing Your Garden For Seasonal Arranging," view the free recording at GCV website.

Conservation Forum - November 2, 9-1, in-person and live streaming- Charlottesville 240 W. Main Street, The CODE Building. \$55 in-person includes continental breakfast, \$15 live-streaming, recording will be available to GCV members for a limited time. "Learn how to unlove your lawn, leave your leaves, rewild and much more from 3 of Virginia's leading environmentally-minded horticulturalists."

Fall Photography Challenge - Sept 1 - Oct 25

Class 1: Autumn Twilight - Find the last gold, pink, and orange streaks of the day surrounded by fall. Suggestions include a mountain with fall colors on fire, a small bare-branched tree with the colors of the sunset pouring through its limbs, or fallen leaves in a stream heading toward the sinking sun. Capture the beauty of fall in all its glory. Color image.

Class 2: The Bounty of Autumn - Compose a still life composition evoking the splendors of autumn. Colorful leaves, harvests of vegetables or fruits, and nuts and berries could be included. Showcase the colorful beauty of the fall season. Color still life.

One photo per category. Please send your photos no later than Oct. 25 to Georgiana Watt (georgianawatt@hotmail.com).

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Historic Garden Week Procurement 101 Zoom - Oct 25 at 10 am. Club presidents, tour chairmen for 2025 and 2026, procurement chairmen and any other members involved with HGW procurement are encouraged to attend. Register Terri@VAGardenWeek.org.

Historic Garden Week Marketing Meeting - Nov 14, 10-1 - The Woman's Club. HGW tour chairman, co-chairman, club president, publicity chairman or social media chairman registration email in mid-October. Please contact Terri Lowman, HGW marketing coordinator, at Terri@VAGardenWeek.org after Oct. 31 if you plan to attend and have not yet registered.

Awards: Nominations for Bessie Bocock Carter Conservation Award - Nov. 1 to Ann Heller at GCV.

Awards: Nominations for the Massie Medal for Distinguished Achievement - Dec. 1

Membership Dues

Everyone should have received an email with their annual membership dues statement. Please contact our treasurer, Kathy Watson, with any questions at krwatson12@gmail.com. Members pay send a check to Kathy directly or pay online [HERE](#).

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Member Support

Missing a meeting? Please mail Penny Peebles at penpeebles@aol.com before the meeting.

Have a great picture for the newsletter or website? Send to Caroline Marvel at carolinemarvel@gmail.com

Need to send an email to the Membership? Send a draft to Betsy Carney at betscarney@gmail.com and Kelly Armstrong at kellyarm@me.com

Your address, email or phone number changed? Send changes to Betsy Carney at betscarney@gmail.com

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Committee Reports



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.

Please click our club's seal above to read this month's committee reports.

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

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