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THE TUCKAHOE NEWS



January 2020
"Read, Enjoy, and Stay Informed"





THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings all! I must admit that it is nice to return to Garden Club activities after a wonderful holiday. I hope you all are feeling the same rejuvenation and rightful anticipation for what lies ahead for all of us through May. [Please read this newsletter cover to cover.](#) It contains much information not to be missed! And don't miss this week's meeting. Come hear Margot Shaw, editor of Flower Magazine, and our two GCA Zone VII heads on Wednesday, January 15, at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Auditorium. Program begins at 10:00am and there will be a book sale and signing after the meeting. We've worked so hard on this meeting. Come support our efforts! If you can't be there, don't forget to give your excused absence to Ellen Buoyer. Remember, 3 excused absences per year.

I really want to share with you these snippets which Brent and Becky, of Brent and Becky's Bulbs in Gloucester, recently shared on the internet. I give full credit to them for this great information which I summarize and embellish a little below.

New Year's Resolutions for Gardeners:

1. Give your tools some TLC. I am guilty of this. I store my tools with grit and grim on them and that is not proper etiquette for our tools! Declutter your shed and clear out supplies and tools no longer of use to you. Clean your tools. Sharpen your blades.
2. Plant out of your comfort zone. Isn't this a novel idea! This year instead of previously planting what you planted in your beds, garden and containers last year, try something different. Experiment and discover new plants you've never grown before. Try a new bulb or a new vegetable. You can buy these at our plant sale in April!
3. Visit a community garden. Gather your inspiration from any of the wonderful community gardens we have in Richmond and beyond. Take a child or grandchild for some extra excitement or an elderly friend for some fresh air and sunshine.
4. Really commit to a garden journal. How many times have I started a journal in the spring only to fall short of the effort by fall? This year I resolve to do this completely!
5. TRY NATIVE PLANTS. I put this in bold because I am becoming a nut over natives. They attract more pollinators, they tend to be happier because they are in their native environment and they lead to the next item.....
6. Use less water. Natives require less water. Install a rain barrel (or 2). Use a "smart" irrigation system. Don't fall victim to "mindless" irrigation because that can be far worse for your plants. Mulch properly.
7. Feed your birds. You may have read recently that bird population is declining rapidly. Install a bird feeder or two. Feed the birds regularly. And always, provide a source of fresh water. Even in the winter I fill my bird baths and keep a couple of stones in them for the sun to warm the water to keep from freezing.
8. Plant trees. If you have some wide-open space, resolve to plant a tree this year. Have a small yard? Plant a small tree in a container. Trees add property value, shelter for wildlife and of course improve the air we breathe.
9. Compost! Live greener! Your household wastes add valuable benefits to your garden once they are composted. Don't toss those greens, egg shells, coffee grinds down the disposal...it's not good for your disposal and it is just wasted soil benefits. It's free too!
10. ENJOY, RELAX, HAVE FUN in your garden....in the end isn't that what it is all about!

Cheers all! See you Wednesday.

Betty



TGC NEWS & INFORMATION

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Hostesses:

Kelly Armstrong, Libby Robertson

Place:

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

1800 Lakeside Avenue, 23228

Time:

9:30 am Refreshments & 10:00 am Guest Speaker

Program:

Speaker: Margot Shaw, editor-in-chief, Flower Magazine. Also joining us, Betsy Huffman, GCA Zone VII Chair and DeLane Porter, GCA Zone VII Director.

Exhibits:

No exhibits this meeting.

TGC Conservation



Conservation can be overwhelming--how much can one person do? Where to start? Sue and Abbie recommend these wonderful and effective suggestions from REI.

REI's "THE OPT TO ACT PLAN": 52 simple weekly challenges for a year of action

(Recreational Equipment, Inc., commonly known as REI, is an American retail and outdoor recreation services corporation. It is organized as a consumers' co-operative. REI sells sporting goods, camping gear, travel equipment, and clothing. It also offers services such as outdoor-oriented vacations and courses (wikipedia))

January

Week 6: Get familiar with your local recycling and composting options and guidelines.

Each local government in the United States sets its own rules for what's recyclable and compostable, so take a moment to look up the instructions for your neighborhood. Your municipality or county website should include information about what to recycle and where, plus pickup times. Some communities even offer composting pickup services and printable instruction manuals, which you can pin up above the bins in your house. If you're still puzzling over what to do with those especially confusing items (like batteries or old electrical cords), Earth911 provides an online [recycling search tool](#) where you can type in the name of a waste item and the website will tell you where to put it, depending on your location. The EPA also [has a guide](#) for how to recycle common items.

Take part: Jan. 5–11, 2020

Week 7: Recycle snack wrappers in a TerraCycle bin at your local REI.

You can now recycle snack wrappers at an [REI store near you](#), thanks to a partnership with Subaru and [TerraCycle](#). As long as they're clean, individual, multipack and family-size snack bags and wrappers, including chip, candy and granola wrappers, are all accepted. Collect all your snack wrappers and bring them with the next time you stop by REI.

Take part: Jan. 12–18, 2020

Week 8: Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy by getting out and serving others.

Every January, the country celebrates activist and civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a day of service in memory of the inspiring leader's dedication to nonviolence and helping others. This year, MLK Day falls on Monday, Jan. 20. If you can, plan to take the day (or organize a group work outing) to volunteer at a nonprofit organization in your community.

Take part: Jan. 19–25, 2020

Week 9: Try to go paperless for one day this week.

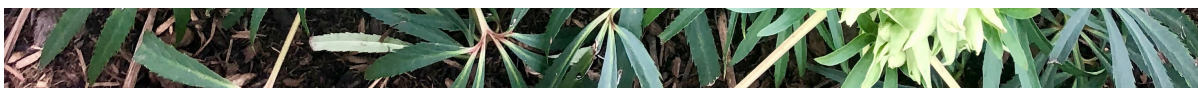
Try using a washcloth in place of paper towels. Bring a reusable bag with you for all shopping. (Remember our tips from week two!) Ask for an email receipt rather than a printed one. Instead of a hard copy, use apps for coupons, tickets and more.

Take part: Jan. 26–Feb. 1, 2020

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<https://www.rei.com/blog/stewardship/the-opt-to-act-plan>





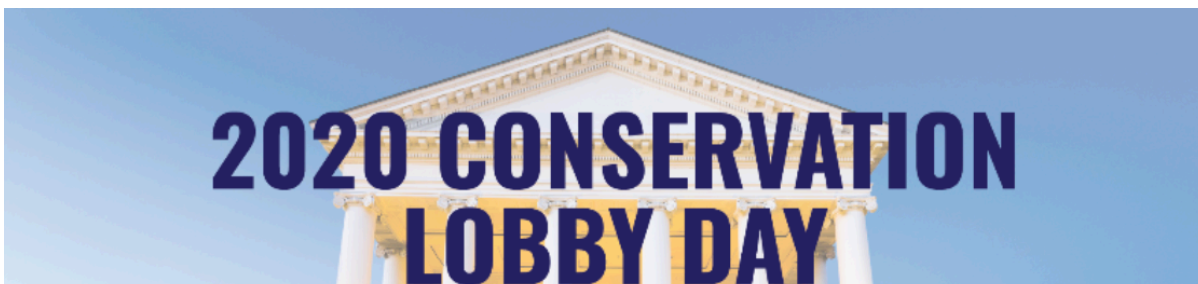
Helleborus foetidus, commonly called stinking hellebore or bearsfoot hellebore, is an evergreen perennial that typically grows to 24" tall and is noted for its deeply divided dark green foliage and late winter to early spring bloom. Here, these blooms are starting to flower. These all-green flowers are beautiful in arrangements if properly conditioned. Some experts recommend immediately searing the fresh-cut stems in boiling water.

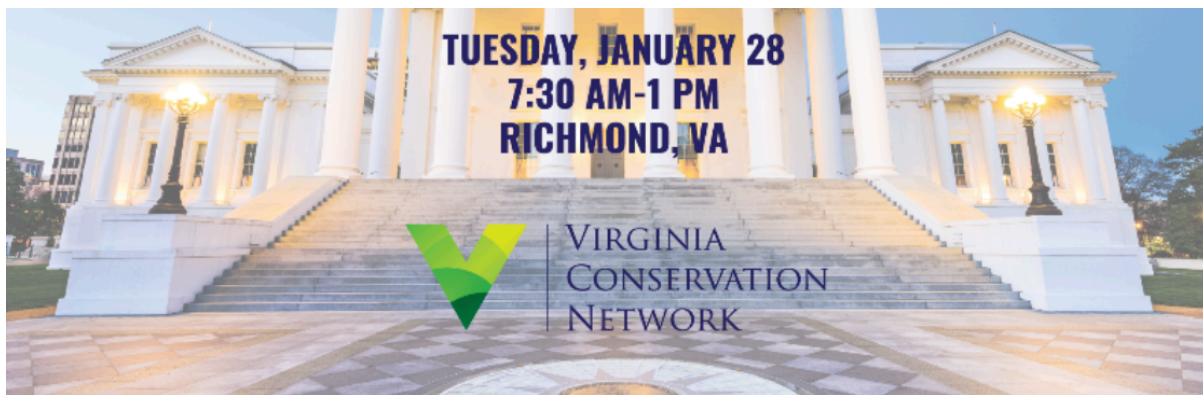
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GCV CONSERVATION





Legislative Day at the General Assembly

Garden Clubs across the Commonwealth are invited yearly to participate in Conservation Legislative Day at the General Assembly. (See details below). Cabell West will be leading a group of Tuckahoe Garden Club members on visits with legislators. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Cabell or Sue Thompson or Abbie Wharton. This is a great opportunity to meet with state Senate and House members to ensure a collective voice is heard on environmental and conservation issues and to learn how this process works. You must register. Go to the GCV website and you will find the link there for registration.

Thanks!

Betty

Conservation Legislative Day - St. Paul's Episcopal Church - Richmond

January 28, 2020 , 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Legislative Day

Jan. 28, 2020, 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

815 E. Grace Street





Refuse to Use

How are you doing in your efforts to avoid using plastic? This lucky gal received as a Christmas gift (from a thoughtful TGC member, no doubt) a set of produce bags which I joyfully pack in my reusable grocery bags that I take on my errands. I am so proud to pull them out, rather than reaching for that plastic! I noticed on a recent shopping trip that Ellwood Thompson's sells them. Check that out.

I also received from my son and daughter in law a 20+ set of glass storage containers with awesome lids. I had such fun replacing all the assorted mess of plastic-ware I had accumulated (many with no tops!). I feel so wonderful about my progress!

My next effort--how to avoid the plastic dry-cleaning bags? I read over the holiday of this suggestion--take a clothes bag with you to the cleaners and ask them to use that when they pack your dry-cleaning. I'll try it and let you know.

I have even gotten my family to start thinking about their use of plastic and they are eagerly trying to do their part. I think they think their mom is turning into an activist! Maybe I am, in my older years. Spread the word with your family, too.

What ideas are you using? Please share! Let's make this a group effort. Send your suggestions on!
Betty

P.S. Don't let this be our future:





Many thanks for reprint permission from Dave Coverly.

GCV DAFFODIL DAY 2020



It's coming....Daffodil Day

Think Spring now! Daffodil Day is scheduled for March 31 at Lewis Ginter. Last year we had such great results and so much fun!

- For those interested in arranging, Susan Ewing and Mary Horton will be organizing a team to do

our artistic arrangement--if they call you for assistance, please say yes!

- Calling all photographers! Check out the photography schedule and guidelines. [Photos are due in advance of the show-March 10!](#)
- Growers! Join us at Lewis Ginter with your stems, and together we will try our luck. Ann Ramsey and I had so much fun last year and actually got some ribbons. Let's do it again!

More later, but start planning!

Betty

<https://www.gcvirginia.org/daffodilday/>



HGW VOLUNTEER PREFERENCE REQUEST FORMS DUE JANUARY 15

Richmond Tour Dates are April 22, 23, & 24, and there is a fantastic line-up of homes and gardens. Our club will supply ticket takers and flower arrangers, shuttle guides and hostesses. Last month, all members (except new members) received a preference sheet to complete (see below).

Completed hardcopies of these forms are due January 15, at our next meeting.

Just to get your mind imagining the beautiful homes in GCV's 100th Year, take a peek at what is in store:

4/22 Wednesday: Church Hill (partnering with Historic Richmond Foundation) (tour headquarters at St. John's Church)

2300 E. Grace Street, the Hardgrove House (1849), Beth Flippo Martin and Bill Martin

2302 E. Grace Street, the Hilary Baker House (1813-1816), Julie Rautio and Robert Baratta

113 N. 25th Street (1846 with modern addition), Neely and Tod Kykshorn

2703-2705 E. Grace Street, the Shelton-Leftwich House (early 1800's), Billie and Stewart Leath

2714 E. Franklin Street (mid 1800's), Pam & Larry Masler (TGC Flowers only)

4/23 Thursday: Monument Avenue (tour headquarters at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts)

2300 Monument (1901), Kelli and Derek Lewis

2710 Monument (1914) Julie and Paul Weissand

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3142 Monument (1922 Duncan Lee), Bill Crosby and Bill Hall (TGC)

3200 Monument (1922 Duncan Lee), Colleen Hewitt

3209 Monument (1920's), Christina and Bookie Boland

4/24 Friday: River Road (tour headquarters for the following properties at U of R's Jepson Alumni Center:)

6707 River (1916), Sarah and Winston Price

6709 River (2016), Carol and Ted Price

(tour headquarters for the following properties at All Saints Episcopal Church:)

3603 River, "Redesdale" manor house (1925 Bohmley) (TGC)

3603 River, cottage (2010's) - Gillette walled garden (TGC)

3701 River, "Longlea" poolhouse and barn and gardens (TGC)

Anne Poarch and Mary Kathryn Woodward

**TUCKAHOE GARDEN CLUB
2020 HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK REQUEST FORM
2020 Richmond Tour Dates: Wednesday, April 22 – Friday, April 24**

NAME: _____

ARE you a member of Historic Richmond? Yes _____ No _____

New Members (elected 2019-2020) select 2 shifts, one as arranger and the other as hostess.

OTHER MEMBERS WOULD you like to work two shifts? Yes _____ No _____

Please note: If we are unable to fill all needed positions, remaining positions will be selected from our membership alphabetically. Each subsequent year, the volunteer chairs will fill second shifts at the alphabetical position following the volunteers from the previous year. List of homes follows. TGC will hostess and arrange flowers in the BOLD FACE locations.

I PREFER TO: (choose 1,2,3 in order of preference - you MUST make 3 selections)

1. **Arrange Flowers** (choose date below)

_____ Tuesday, April 21
_____ Wednesday, April 22
_____ Thursday, April 23

2. **Hostess** (choose date and shift below)

_____ Hostess Thursday, April 23
_____ AM shift 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
_____ PM shift 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, or
_____ Hostess Friday, April 24
_____ AM shift 9:30am - 1:30pm
_____ PM shift 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

3. **Shuttle bus** Friday, April 24

_____ AM shift 9:30 am-1:30 pm
_____ PM shift 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

4. Ticket Sales

Thursday, April 23

____ AM shift 9:30 am-1:30 pm

____ PM shift 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Friday, April 24

____ AM shift 9:30 am-1:30 pm

____ PM shift 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

NOTE: You must select TOP 3 choices. We will attempt to honor all requests, but no guarantee.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL A *HARD COPY* OF THIS FORM TO:

Mary Kathryn Woodward, 308 Roslyn Road, RVA 23226 by JANUARY 15 or hand-deliver it at the JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING. NO EMAIL REQUESTS ARE ACCEPTED.

We will do our best to accommodate all requests! If we do not receive your completed form you will be placed where needed.

~Anne Poarch 564.2568 and Mary Kathryn Woodward 350.4731





Buds form in a Japanese Stewartia (Stewartia pseudocamellia) tree against a backdrop of oaks and elms in the winter sky.



THE GARDEN CLUB *of* AMERICA

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA NEWS &
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The Garden Club of America Annual Meeting 2020



The beautiful Grove Park Inn where the GCA Annual Meeting will be held.

Tuckahoe Garden Club Heads To Asheville

May 3-6, 2020

Once every 18 years, our Zone VII hosts the Garden Club of America Annual Meeting. It is an educational meeting for all 200 member clubs around the country to gather with their presidents and delegates and share ideas. Over 600 people attend the meeting. Our theme for this year's meeting, Moving Mountains Together, represents all of the hard work and effort that produce results around the country by our

gardening organization. We are stronger for the support and ideas we get from the Garden Club of America and benefit from our association with the other GCA clubs. The meeting will be 3-4 days of lectures, business meetings, garden tours, workshops, dinners and even a little shopping. The keynote speakers for the meeting are Jay Leutze, Ann Kulze and Thomas Woltz (Joanie Robins first cousin!). There will be workshops for the attendees including Photography, Botanical Arts (led by our own shining star, Peyton Wells as well as Annie Vanderwarker) , Kitchen Garden Design (Ellen Ecker Ogden), and other leadership workshops. All of this has been years in the making and we are excited the time is finally here!

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to help at the meeting. We will have about 20 TUCKAHOE GARDEN CLUB LADIES attending the meeting:

Jennifer Sisk, President-elect

Kelly Armstrong, Delegate

Committee heads:

Joanie Robins & Kathy Watson, Registration Co-chairs

Martha Moore, Communication, Horticulture Co-chair, & Steering Committee

Ruth Cunningham & Meredith Lauter, Floral Design Co-chairs

Peyton Wells, Botanical Arts Co-chair and Workshop leader

Sue Thompson, Founders Fund / Horticulture Vice Chair

Hylah Boyd, Annual Meeting 2020 Steering Committee

Other Volunteers from Tuckahoe:

Rosemarie Bundy, Ellen Buoyer, Liza Cabell, Sara Cann, Cynthia Ferrell, Renee Gardner, Patricia Hunter, Betty Jenkins, Julia Borden Rose, Missy Ryan, and Tricia Sauer.

Thank you for saying YES!!! Thank all of you for your support.

The **biggest way that all of us can support the meeting is by sending beautiful horticulture down for the flower show with Missy Ryan**. Both Missy Ryan and Rita Ryan (our club GCA Horticulture Representatives) will be gathering horticulture to take on **Saturday, May 2**. Please read the schedule for the flower show (click here for link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y47kgwbFh9kUNWe-vzuqnwSqwTFpmSeL/view?usp=sharing>) and see what you might have to offer because the Ryan Team will be calling you! We want to show the rest of the country what beautiful plants and gardens we have in our Zone ! Another way you can support our meeting is by **buying a scarf**. The grey, navy blue, and black scarves are available online at the shopping pages on the GCA website.

Let the good times roll! We are heading into a beautiful time of year in Asheville and we are looking forward to being a part of it all!

Martha





Biltmore Gardens in Asheville, NC

GCA CONSERVATION





GCA/NAL – National Affairs and Legislative Committee

We have an unusual situation involving a member who planned to go (and paid for her reservation) to the NAL Conference in Washington DC February 23-26 and is now unable to attend. Would you like to join Jill Mountcastle (who is also registered and is attending) for this great conference? The conference agenda includes:

- Advocacy training
- A day of expert speakers relating to environmental issues covered in GCA position papers
- A day of advocacy in support of issues impacting members' local communities and the country at large
- The meeting will culminate in a banquet where attendees will celebrate the good work and learning during the event.

Topics include:

- The Nexus between Human Health and the Environment
- The Loss of Biodiversity
- Regenerative Agriculture
- The Promise of the Deep Ocean
- Forests and Carbon

....and much more! Doesn't this sound AWESOME?

TGC's reimbursement guidelines for this event states: "The club will cover the registration(s) for the NAL Conference." IF there is any money left over in the NAL budget after paying the registration cost, then travel (gas and parking) OR hotel (one room at group rate), the club will pay for whatever costs more but not both until allotment is used up. Please go to the GCA website for more information. If you are interested in attending, please contact me.

Thanks,
Betty

GCA "ON THE ROAD" TRIPS

MEMBERS, CHECK OUT THESE "ON THE ROAD" TRIPS WITH GCA RIGHT HERE IN OUR ZONE VII!

GO TO THE GCA WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

ON THE ROAD WITH THE GCA (DC): DUMBARTON OAKS PARK... IN ZONE VI

Washington, DC | Thursday, May 14, 2020 | 11:00am to 2:00pm | May 10,

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Dumbarton Oaks is perhaps the crowning achievement of landscape designer, GCA advisor and 1947 medalist Beatrix Jones Farrand. But far less known is Dumbarton Oaks Park, the 27-acre natural wooded area, once part of the estate, and now part of the National Park System. Tour Dumbarton Oaks' upper garden with Director of Gardens and Grounds, Jonathan Kavalier. Then meet with members of the Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy, a nonprofit established to restore the park, have lunch and learn more about the GCA Partners for Plants Project in the park. REGISTRATION OPENS 2/1/20

ON THE ROAD WITH THE GCA (VA): OAK SPRING GARDEN FOUNDATION... IN ZONE VII

Upperville, VA | Monday, June 8, 2020 | 10:00am to 2:00pm | Max: 30

Immerse yourself in Rachel Lambert Mellon's life-long love of gardening and books with Sir Peter Crane, the Foundation President and a renowned botanical researcher and evolutionary plant scientist. Mrs. Mellon's residence, garden, estate and library are a testament to her creativity and curiosity. Participants will have lunch at the nearby home of GCA club member Jean Perin. REGISTRATION OPENS 3/1/20



AND CHECK OUT THIS ONCE IN A LIFETIME "VISITING GARDENS" TRIP, TOO!

WANT TO RIDE A CAMEL?? Then join Visiting Gardens on a magic carpet ride to Morocco March 23 - April 2, 2021.

We will explore Tangier, Fes, and Marrakech horticulturally, gastronomically, and culturally. Among other adventures, we will tour public and private gardens, UNESCO heritage sites and shop in the many

souks.

The **Interest List** is now open for sign-ups. Please remember that adding your name to the Interest List does not obligate you to the trip but gives you first opportunity to review the itinerary and first chance at registration later this year. Please consider going on the Visiting Gardens landing page

(<https://www.gcamerica.org/visiting-gardens>) and adding your name to the list!



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