

Tuckahoe Garden Club

*We need winter in our lives.
A time to rest, a time to stand still.
A time to reacquaint ourselves
With the faith in which we live and breathe.
It is only then that we can draw strength
From the one in whom we are rooted,
Take time to grow and rise through the darkness
Into the warm glow of your springtime,
To blossom and flourish,
Bring colour and vitality into this world, your garden.
Thank you, Father for the seasons of our lives*

-Thank you to Kelly Armstrong for sharing this blessing

Fresh Cuts From Jennifer

Dear Ladies of Tuckahoe,

Love is in the air...



As I sit this weekend looking out on the garden- branches frozen in time by layers of ice and heavy snow weighing heavy on the cedar tree I am reminded to not be fooled. Though it is not apparent to the eyes, Mother Nature is at work and much is stirring to prepare for a bursting forth of spring. And so it is with our TGC!

Though we haven't met as a whole club for several months now, there have been some really exciting things happening and groundwork being laid for springtime. A few of the highlights this month:

New member news
Conservation developments
Finance progress
Program's pivot
GCV HGW and Daffodil Day preparations

So please take a bit of time to read more on all of this, the women behind this work and get excited for what is happening as we 'winter'!

Happy Valentines Day!

Jennifer

Tuckahoe Garden Club 2020-2021 Guidelines for Health & Safety

There is nothing more important than the health and safety of our members during this time of Covid-19. To that end, Tuckahoe Garden Club will observe the following guidelines for this program year:

- *Our Tuckahoe Garden Club will follow the guidelines set forth by the State of Virginia in regard to covid-19 protocols (numbers of congregants at meetings,*

face coverings, etc).

- *If you or someone you are in close contact with has had known exposure to persons with covid-19, please refrain from attending any club-related activity for a minimum of two weeks.*
- *Face coverings shall be required at all gatherings, both inside and outside, and ask that all members maintain social distancing*
- *Attendance monitoring will be waived but all members are encouraged to attend as many meetings as they are able and feel inclined.*
- *Both the September and October meetings will be held in outside venues.*
- *Hospitality will be creatively organizing drinks and snacks for meeting so as to be single-serving and easily picked up by individual members.*
- *There will be extra masks and hand sanitizers at all meetings for any members who may be in need.*
- *We will continue to employ decision-making in a fluid manner, adapting to changes in the ever-evolving health situation around us. This may include meeting cancellations/postponements, possible venue changes, and ZOOM meetings as an option.*
- *The TGC website will be the primary source for any changes that may be required this year. Members will be directed there, via email, as changes are required.*

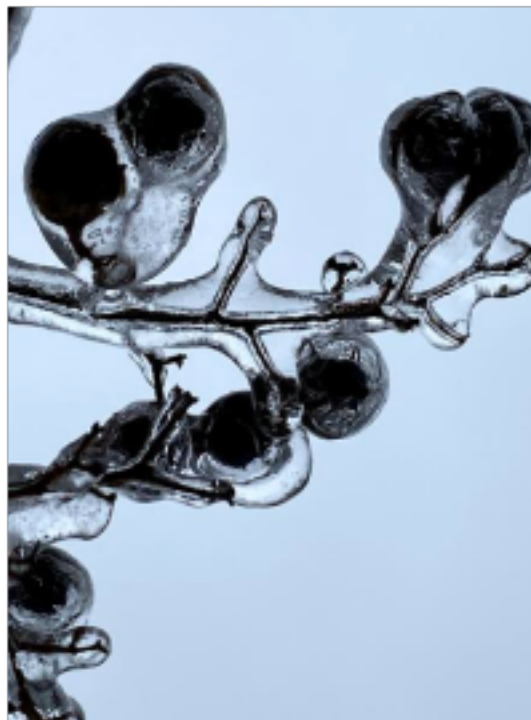


Photo by Fraser Davis

Upcoming Program and Calendar Events

****February and March Programs****

Due to the current state of affairs with covid, our programs for February, to McKinnon and Harris and our field trip in March, to Oak Springs and Rose Hill have been cancelled for this year. The Programs committee is working to reschedule for next year.

Though this is a disappointment for us all, the health of our members and community is of the utmost importance. But, we have some new plans in store...

February Membership ZZZOOM! February 17, 5:30-6:30

It has been quite some time since we have all been together and there are a lot of plans and business in the works for the Club. So, to that end, we are going to have a TGC Membership ZOOM meeting (will be under one hour top to bottom!).

Grab your favorite libation and jump on.

Look for invitation in your inbox on February 16.

HAND PICKED THIS MONTH

IMPORTANT DATES

February 17th 5:30pm - 6:30pm

TGC Zoom Membership Meeting

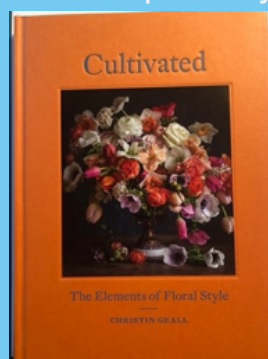
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February 23rd - 24th

Virtual GCA NAL (National Affairs & Legislation) Conference;
no registration required, open to all

March 22nd 1:00pm

GCA Program with Christin Geall and floral workshop;
more info to come but put on your calendars!



April 14th

Tuckahoe Garden Club Spring Sale

April 20th, 21st, 22nd

Historic Garden Week in Richmond

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 contact Jennifer or the appropriate committee head with any questions or comments.

Committee Reports

Note: Due to the fact that we have not been able to have Membership meetings for a couple of months, it is really important that each of you take time to read through the monthly Board Reports doc. Which summarizes all of the work we have going on! Should you have any questions or are interested in more detail, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Please click our club's seal below to read this month's committee reports:



Membership Highlights

Welcome to our newest members!

We enjoyed a fun and safe New Member Orientation under tent at Ollies' this week! We enjoyed bringing all of our new members up to speed on the past present and future of Tuckahoe and all of our inner workings. We can't wait to enjoy all of the gifts that they will bring to our Club!



Megan Matthews, Caroline Marvel, Fran McDermott, Jennifer Wilkins, Arpie Starke, Sarah Van der Hyde and Maria Reed (not pictured)



Douglas Martin has moved to Charleston to be closer to her son, Robbie, and his family.

Here is her new address:

South Bay at Mount Pleasant
1400 Liberty Midtown Drive
#206

Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

Phone: 843-936-3129

Conservation Highlights

CONSERVATION Continues with **Phase 2 of website rollout!**

Thanks to Jill Mountcastle, Ellen Buoyer and Lisa Burlee, TGC has a brand new Conservation page on our website and a new Conservation Instagram account (private for our members only). These are both terrific resources for all of us!

Following is an outline of Phase 2 which will be rolling out this month.

Keep your eye out:

1. Video: Conservation Advocacy Conversation with Cabell West
2. Why and How to Advocate
3. Understanding the Legislative Process
4. GCV Conservation Lobby Day Overview
5. GCA National Affairs & Legislation Conference Overview

- 1) log into <https://www.tuckahoegardenclub.com> (password Daffodil) and visit the new Conservation page
- 2) log onto instagram and follow @thegreencrusaders



GCV Workshops register at www.gcvirginia.org

February 18 - "Photographing an Exhibit for a Virtual Flower Show with Edie Hessberg, GCV Photography Chairman" - 10:00-11:30 am, via Zoom, \$20

Other Workshops are being scheduled

Virtual Daffodil Day 2021 ***"Spring Forward"***

www.gcvirginia.org/daffodilday/



Daffodil Day 2021 “Spring Forward” - A Virtual Flower Show

A Virtual Flower Show, the Schedule for Daffodil Day 2021 is available on the Home page of www.gcvirginia.org - click on the photograph of daffodils and then select Artistic Design or Photography.

The show features:

Inter Club :

- French Rococo – FULL
- Abstract - FULL

Individual/Partner - teams of 2 may work together - available spaces as of 02/08/21

- Creative Line Mass - 1 space available
- Pot-et-Fleur - FULL
- Modern Mass - 1 place available
- Botanical Arts Egg or Eggs - 4 spaces available
- Needlework Daffodil Bulb or Bulbs - 3 spaces available
- Pollinator Posies - designer's choice - 2 spaces available

Challenge Class - March 15, 2021 10:00 am - 12:00 noon KV House - 3 spaces available

Photography, Needlework and botanical Arts - review website for available spaces



Plans are well underway for HGW '21! The tour this year is focused completely on gardens and outdoor spaces. The organizers are working so extremely hard to make this year's tour accessible and safe for all, given Covid protocols. Masking, social distancing, hand

sanitizer, being outside, etc. will be the rules of the day!

We have been assigned 3 homes for hostessing and flowers, plus another home on the Historic Richmond tour to provide flowers for. We will also staff the headquarters at St. Giles Presbyterian on 4/20. Our responsibilities include:

304 Greenway Lane on Tuesday 4/20 – Home of our own Leila and Walter Jones – thank you Leila!!

2300 East Grace St. (flowers only, tour on 4/21) – Home of Beth and Bill Hutchins

3142 Monument Ave on Thursday 4/22 – Home of Bill Crosby and Bill Hall

3200 Monument Avenue on Thursday 4/22 – Home of Colleen Hewitt

In addition, we are so excited that Tuckahoe will be open this year for outdoor garden tours! Boxwood has been assigned to hostess at Tuckahoe this year.

Our preference request forms went out to all members of TGC on 1/29 and were due back by Wednesday 2/10. At this point we seem to have more than enough folks interested in arranging and hostessing for Leila's tour. We will need many more hostesses for the two homes on Thursday! So, we urge anyone who hasn't returned their form yet to please consider that.

We really look forward to having a tour again this year as it is a hallmark event for our club, GCV and the state. Thanks in advance for everyone's cooperation and flexibility as we complete our schedule for the week! - Bonnie and Chandler

A message from HGW co-chairs

Spring is coming and so is Historic Garden Week! As you probably know, HGW in Richmond is going to look a little different this year as we are celebrating the Garden in Garden Week! Gardens in the Hampton Gardens neighborhood and on Monument Avenue will be open along with Tuckahoe on River Road. These properties feature beautiful landscapes and fabulous outdoor living spaces - things that have sustained us through these last twelve months. We believe the tour will be a gift to all who visit, so please help spread the word to friends and family. A special thank you goes to Tuckahoe members, Leila Jones and Sue Thompson, for sharing their lovely properties with our HGW guests on the Tuesday tour.

Ticket sales are also going to be different in 2021. Tickets will be limited and may only be purchased online at VaGardenWeek.org. For the Richmond tours, visitors will

purchase a ticket for a particular starting time. Our hope is this will spread visitors out and offer a safe and enjoyable tour experience for all. We will be following all of the Governor's guidelines including requiring masks and social distancing.

Tour Particulars:

Tuesday, April 20th- Five gardens in Hampton Gardens plus Wilton House and Tuckahoe (Tour HQ at St. Giles Presbyterian Church)

Wednesday, April 21st- Historic Richmond Tour on Church Hill plus a 1:00pm Low Line Tour (Tour HQ at Historic St. John's Church)

Thursday, April 22nd- Six gardens along Monument Avenue plus the VMFA, Branch House, and Kent Valentine House; a self-guided tour of Fan blooming alleyways and pocket parks and another of selected botanical works of art and design at the VMFA (Tour HQ at VMFA)

Tickets are \$40. Properties are open from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

Tour Sponsors – Please thank and support them:

Ellwood Thompson's, MDC Foundation in honor of Lee Cochran, Silvercrest Asset Management, VMFA, 1z 2z 3z Baby and Toddler Boutique, Beckon Home, Flippo Lumber, Haley Buick GMC, KDW Home, Long & Foster, Sneed's Nursery, TowneBank, Truetimber Arborists, 3North, Gardner Construction

Many thanks for helping to make Historic Garden Week in Richmond a success!

*Mary Anne Burke and Laura Whisnand
Co-Chairmen, 2021 HGW in Richmond*



THE GARDEN CLUB *of* AMERICA

The 2021 Garden Club of America Annual Meeting



Save the Dates! MAY 10-12, 2021

This virtual conference will be open to all GCA club members!

Plan to join the flower show preview party on May 10th, followed by two days of exceptional content: garden tours, the business meeting and GCA workshops, our annual awards ceremony and much more.

Registration will launch in early-April via an email sent to everyone. The registration link will be posted on the GCA website once registration is open.



And Finally... A Love Note

Betsy Carney shared this lovely piece from Apothec (up on Libbie). Enjoy this month's "Love Letter" and thank you Betsy!

This Month's Love Letter is to Geranium and Black Pepper



After a year of upheaval, loss, and uncertainty, and with so much still unknown about what a post-pandemic world will look like, we here at APOTHEC rest in the one certainty that always remains:

The Earth still blesses us with a bounty.

In that spirit of gratitude we are beginning a series of monthly "love letters" to the herbs, flowers, and essentials that nurture and sustain us. First up: **Geranium**

Geranium's name comes from the Greek word for Crane, "Geranos." Crane mythology around the world mirrors many of the same magical meanings we attribute to Geranium. Cranes are often seen as mystical, winged creatures that bring eternal life and prosperity. In the Japanese folktale "Tsuru no Ongaeshi", a poor farmer comes across a hurt crane with an arrow in her wing. He helps the crane despite his position of needing help himself. The crane incarnates as his new wife that takes care of him and always makes sure they have enough to eat. This is the lesson of the Crane and Geranium, do good and good returns. This is a flower of hope, health and prosperity.

If you see Geranium out in the world the various colors add another layer to meaning.

White Geraniums protect you and your land from snakes.

Red Geraniums are good flower gifts for brides as it represents eternal love.

Pink Geranium is used to counter love spells.

Purple Geranium can be worked with to manifest promotions or social gains.

If you plant Geraniums near your home it is said they flowers will lean towards visitors with good intentions and lean away from those with maliciousness in their hearts. Geranium is considered a social flower and likes to be spoken to. Use intentions or read poems to your geranium, flowers or essences as they will increase its magical potency to create the hope you dream of.

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