

Tuckahoe Garden Club

Creator God, at the start of this New Year when thoughts turn again to beginnings starting afresh. new leaves and turning skeletons free from cupboards, be with us as we gaze into the distance of fresh mission grounds of hopes and dreams opportunities for service challenges and uncertainties. Take our fears and turn them into strengths. Take our lack of faith and empower us through the Spirit who breathes life into this world whose presence is reflected in the icy chill of winter's breath as well as the comforting warmth of a summer breeze. Walk with us into this New Year of opportunity.

-Thank you to Kelly Armstrong for sharing this New Year Blessing with us

Fresh Cuts From Jennifer

Dear Ladies of Tuckahoe,

As 2021 opens its door I have noticed something. So many of those obligatory to-do's the 'keeping my head above water' tasks, and the laundry list of commitments that I power through each day have either, 1) melted away or, 2) taken on a new meaning.

If I am honest, keeping up to speed, reading online or printed newsletters and updates from GCV and GCA, not to mention other organizations with which I am involved, was seeming overwhelming – so much information, so much to be done, so much important work – where do I begin? But what I have noticed is that with the slower pace of life that has presented itself**, I am actually enjoying taking some time to settle in and read/reconnect in a new way to these organizations and communities that I value in my life. Who knew?

To that end, I hope that some of you may share this experience. And I invite you to approach our TGC newsletter and the GCA and GCV publications this year with new eyes in

hopes that you may be reminded of these communities of friends who share a love of gardening, creativity, plants/flowers and conserving our natural world.

Happy New Year,
Jennifer

****Full disclosure – I do not have children at home that I am supervising or college kids that are coming in and out depending on school schedules!**

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.*

Upcoming Program and Calendar Events

January Membership Meeting - NEW PLAN

Program

Four-Club Virtual Presentation*

Dave Gerstenmaier, Senior Principal/President of HG Design Studio
The Green at the Science Museum of Virginia

Date and Time

Tuesday, January 19, 10:00AM

* Zoom link

<https://zoom.us/j/91642277524pwd=eDRjUC9CWFIOa0pGZU9jbVJEbmNSZz09>

Working in conjunction with Glave & Holmes Architecture, Dave Gerstenmaier is Senior Principal/President of HG Design Studio, and Principal Landscape Architect for The Green at the Science Museum of Virginia. This project will reclaim two acres of surface parking lot and reestablish the front acreage of the Science Museum of Virginia's historic Broad Street Station flagship as a new six-acre public park. Featuring native trees and plants that buffer busy Broad Street and offer shaded walking paths and intimate gathering places, the project offers a high visibility opportunity to restore developed land into public green space. The Green represents a bold step in transforming the Museum's 36-acre campus into a living classroom and demonstration site for best practices in addressing the effects of climate change in urban settings. Informed by data collected through the museum's citizen science initiatives that document urban heat island effect, air quality, and stormwater Best Management Practices on site, this project fulfills the Museum's mission--inspiring Virginians to enrich their lives through science--through an evidence-based approach to environmental resource management. As the only public park along the 7.5 mile Pulse Corridor, The Green will serve as a model of the importance of green infrastructure in creating a resilient, walkable, and livable city.

Promise of of things to come...



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.

The Board and Program committee, however, are looking into some opportunities which will allow us to be outside, in community and learning together in small groups for the months of February and March. Stay tuned as some fun, new, creative and safe opportunities are announced!

HAND PICKED THIS MONTH

JANUARY IS CONSERVATION MONTH!

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, so before reading any further

1. log into www.tuckahoegardenclub.com (password Daffodil) and visit the new Conservation page
2. log onto instagram and follow @thegreencrusaders or click on the instagram logo below



IMPORTANT DATES

January 19th 10am

Four-Club zoom meeting

Dave Gerstenmaier, Science Museum green space

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/91642277524?pwd=eDRjUC9CWFI0a0pGZU9jbVJEbmNSZz09>

January 21st 11am - 5:45pm

Photography Conference - Garden Club of America

Last day to register is January 19!

January 21st

General Assembly Day

Register to attend if you wish to be a conservation advocate this year (it's free):

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-conservation-lobby-day-registration-132830510633>

February 23rd - 24th

Virtual GCA NAL (National Affairs & Legislation) Conference

Save the Date email coming soon; registration is required,
but conference is open to all

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:



GARDEN CLUB
OF VIRGINIA

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

www.gcvirginia.org/daffodilday/

Daffodil Day April 1

Botanical Arts

Artistic Design

Needlework

Photography



gcvirginia.org/DaffodilDay

Timeline

February 2021						
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April 2021						
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February 1

Registration opens to Artistic Design and Photography Exhibitors

March 7

Registration closes

March 15

Deadline for image submission for Artistic Design and Photography

March 18-20

Judging

April 1

Daffodil day opens!

Bessie Bocock Carter Conservation Award

"... inspire others to outstanding accomplishments on behalf of Virginia's natural resources."

With gratitude for the gracious memorial from her family, the Garden Club of Virginia established the Bessie Bocock Carter Conservation Award in 2009. The award's intent is to fund implementation of a conservation project that will serve as a catalyst for community action. It is a monetary award presented annually to a GCV member club, or to a GCV member club in association with another conservation organization, for either natural

resource conservation or environmental protection within the Commonwealth. The award makes possible implementation of specific, tangible projects that directly benefit natural resource conservation or environmental protection within the Commonwealth. Award recipients' contribution to the project must be directly evident and measurable, and each project would inspire others to outstanding accomplishments on behalf of Virginia's natural resources.

Click here to review the nominations: [2021 Bessie Carter Conservation Award Finalists](#)



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.

Tell us what you think about this newsletter format and content!

Email Kate Christner katechristner@gmail.com with any comments, questions or concerns.

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