

Tuckahoe Garden Club

Fresh Cuts From Jennifer

Dear Ladies of Tuckahoe,

As I prepare for this season of gift-giving, I find myself overwhelmed by one of the greatest gifts of all – this natural world with all of its beauty, quiriness, surprise, faithfulness, tragedy, drama, life and death. God's work in nature is a wonder and, with a bit more time on my hands lately, it has been a gift to pay closer attention to this work-the changing of the seasons and the micro-miracles that unfold each day outside my window. As we enter this season of winter, I want to share a favorite piece by the amazing poet/sage, Rumi:

*"And don't think the garden loses its ecstasy in winter.
It's quiet, but the roots are down there riotous. ". – Rumi*

I love this! And will enjoy the stillness that I can see this winter, knowing that wild and crazy things are happening right under my feet. A gift indeed.

May the blessings of this season be with you and yours.

Peace,
Jennifer

Tuckahoe Holiday 2020



The Holiday Virtual Marketplace and Greens Sale/Pick-up were a huge success thanks to Betsy Carney and Lauren Neal, their committee of Susan Ewing, Lisa Burlee, Rita Ryan, Shelley Roberts and Caroline Williams and our hostesses (who had to pull down fun hospitality plans for this year). Their adaptability and willingness to modify plans this year in light of covid, all with great spirit, made for a great fundraiser for the club. Thank you to shoppers, workers, and organizers!

[Photos of December Holiday Pickup and raffle here...](#)





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

The Four Club in-person meeting scheduled for January 27th at Lewis Ginter has been **CANCELLED**

New Plan: We have been invited to join The Four Club meeting for a virtual presentation* *The Green* presented by the Science Museum of Virginia

Program: Virtual presentation* *The Green* at the Science Museum of Virginia

Speaker: Dave Gerstenmaier, Senior Principal/President of HG Design Studio

Date: Tuesday, January 19th

Time: 10:00 AM

***Zoom link to follow**

Virtual Presentation: *The Green*

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.

HAND PICKED THIS MONTH

January

In January the new Conservation webpage launches on
<https://www.tuckahogardenclub.com/>
Look for an email next month from Jennifer announcing the webpage launch.

January 13th, Wednesday

10:00 am New Member Orientation - Tuckahoe Plantation
(new members only to keep numbers to a minimum)

January 19th, Tuesday

10:00 am Four-Club ZOOM Meeting with the Science Museum of Virginia

January 17th, Sunday

Virtual GCV Legislative Day

February 23rd - 24th

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

Membership Highlights

Welcome to our newest members of The Tuckahoe Garden Club Caroline Marvel, Megan Matthews, Fran McDermott, Maria Reed, Arpie Starke, Sarah Van Der Hyde and Jennifer Wilkins





Conservation Committee

Keep an eye out for the Conservation webpage to launch in January!



Conservation is on Instagram

Follow [@thegreencrusaders](#) on Instagram to receive inspiration and information to pursue a conservationist's lifestyle. Conservation co-chairs Ellen Buoyer and Jill Mountcastle curate the posts and the account is private only to TGC club members.

Follow to see fun VIDEOS, cool PRODUCTS and great JOKES on Instagram!

Come join the fun!



Have you started your holiday shopping yet?!

Click [HERE](#) for a list of sustainable gifts for your friends and family.



GARDEN CLUB
O F V I R G I N I A

The Kent-Valentine House has been adorned this month with the creativity of our very own arrangers - Betsy Mitchell, Penny Peebles, Liz Carden and Julia Borden Rose! Enjoy these beautiful arrangements and thank you ladies for your creativity on behalf of Tuckahoe Garden Club!









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Holiday Floral Design Tip From Peyton Wells



A Boxwood Kissing Ball is an alternate to the traditional sprig of mistletoe. Try using a thin-skinned potato, such as a Yukon Gold, as the base, instead of the suggested Styrofoam ball. The moisture in the potato will help keep the cut greens fresh. Be sure to soak your greens in water for a day before arranging.

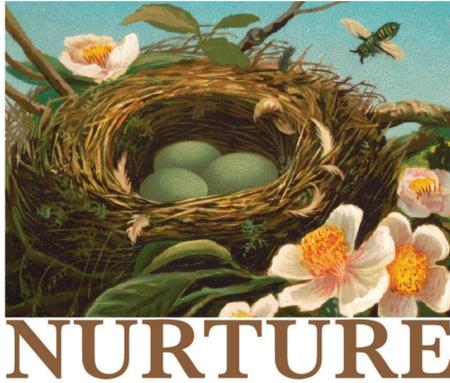
See more instruction at www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/

Hope your kissing ball works during COVID...We could all use a good kiss!"

GCA Botanical Arts Submission

TGC is looking for an entry in the GCA Botanical Arts for the Annual Meeting, in Division VI, Botanical Arts, Class 4. It is for novices. Each Zone is required to submit an entry. Our Zone has not signed up and the deadline for registration is in January. Please reach out

to [Peyton Wells](#) if you are interested.



The opening night for the Zone VII Flower Show, 'Nurture' was a fabulous success with 174 attendees from across the entire zone. "Thank you and your members for making this Flower Show the success that it was.

NURTURE is up and running on the GCA Zone VII landing page

<https://www.gcamerica.org/members/natl-org-zone7> so please visit and revel in Zone VII's success! (Also, some great TGC pics of our Quirk meeting – look for familiar faces...!)

In Closing



Great PR for Capital Trees and our TGC support here:

https://richmond.com/news/local/lohmann-investment-in-greenspace-restorations-along-capital-trail-enhances-public-spaces-in-the-city/article_5410e01e-882e-5ac1-8d93-e69a4e38eb09.html

Interesting for consideration with our TGC Community Projects:

https://richmond.com/news/local/richmonds-poorest-neighborhoods-have-the-least-community-green-space-these-groups-are-trying-to-fix/article_c943e4ce-76d2-5656-a4cb-2665f486f930.html

December must read Bill Mims:

https://richmond.com/opinion/columnists/bill-mims-column-thanksgiving-and-lament/article_1c45f166-46d6-5afa-8315-276c7a249d3a.html

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