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Tuckahoe Garden Club

Fresh Cuts From Jennifer

Happy Fall Ladies of Tuckahoe Garden Club!

Though many of us have seen each other from a distance over these past 6 months, it feels like forever since we have been together as a group.

Somewhere near the beginning of this pandemic, I heard someone liken this time to an 'urban forest fire' and it has really stuck with me. By definition, a forest fire brings with it devastation yet lays the necessary groundwork for rebirth, new growth and fresh beginnings. We have all experienced and, on many fronts, continue to experience uncertainty, losses and anxiety that this time of Covid-19 has presented us. But as in the aftermath of a forest fire, I am hopeful for what is to come – a new season. Which leads me to ...Garden Club!

We, as a club, are also ready for some newness, some change as we discovered through Project Perennial and I am so grateful to each of you who expressed yourself through that process. Much work that has been done over the summer by so many of our members - taking what was heard and working to make changes that honor our Club's desires.

- Focus meeting time together on learning, community, creativity and gardening
- Streamline club communications, bringing the majority of business to members through our Tuckahoe News newsletter and an updated, more integrated website.
- Realign club jobs to allow for each member to focus their energy on what excites them about being in this organization.

I am hopeful that our time together over this year may be a bright spot, something that we look forward to and may bring joy. Know that I am always available to hear feedback and new ideas that may enrich our experience with our Tuckahoe Garden Club.

Gratefully,
Jennifer

P.S. Our exhibits schedule is phenomenal! Everyone take a look, get creative, and participate this month!

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

September 21, 2020 (Monday)

Hostesses: *Ellen Buoyer, Katherine Salt, Renee Gardner, Penny Peebles, Lisa Elliott

Place: Home of Kelly Armstrong, 8701 River Road, Henrico, 23229

Time: Refreshments 9:30 & meeting 10:00

Program: "Our Mission, Our Gardens" Tour Kelly's flower and vegetable gardens and the Gillette Garden at neighboring Redesdale. Learn about these historical properties and fall/winter gardening plans. Walking tour, wear appropriate shoes.

Artistic Exhibits:

Class I: **'Mission Statement'** - Create an arrangement using early, colorful fall flowers to interpret one of the three tenets of the Tuckahoe Garden Club mission statement; Restoration, Conservation, Love of Gardening. Container is your choice.

Class II: **'Garden Glow'** - As summer fades to fall recall the glow of your garden. Create an arrangement incorporating remaining summer blooms, vegetables, and herbs. Use a hollowed out vegetable as a container.

Class III: **'Biedermeier'** - *A tightly constructed round design traditionally consisting of formal rings of flowers; more contemporary versions use strong groupings and may include non-plant materials.* Create an arrangement in the Biedermeier style as a reflection on a serpentine flower garden. Container is your choice.

Horticulture Exhibits:

Class I: Roses - Specimen or Collection

Class II: Herbs - Cut Specimen or Collection

Class III: Seasonal Bloom - Specimen or Collection

Class IV: Late Season Favorites- Dahlias, Zinnias, Vegetables, Begonia

Not Judged: A flower from your garden that best represents your gardens' mission

Other: Find a flower going to seed

Photography Exhibits:

Class I: '**Garden Gems**' (annual)- submit a photograph of your favorite annual from your current or summer garden.

Class II: '**Garden Gems**'(perennial)- submit a photograph of your favorite perennial from your current or summer garden.

Class III: '**Delectable Delights**'- share a photograph of your favorite fruit or vegetable from your garden.

***NOTE: Parking will be in the field on the right when you get to top of the hill. Wear comfortable walking shoes and members are encouraged to bring their own water bottles!

HAND PICKED THIS MONTH

- [GCV Centennial Exhibit at Virginia Museum of History and Culture](#) - now through November 1st.
- [Shirley Meneice Conference](#) September 22-23 (Registration deadline September 18).
- [TGC Board Meeting](#) October 5, 8:30 am.
- [TGC Membership Meeting](#) October 21: Workshop at 10:30 am; meeting begins noon at Quirk

GCV Lily Collection Orders

This year's collection is \$33 payable to Sue Taylor (not the club) by cash or check. The bulbs must be ordered by October 10 with delivery in the spring 2021. Sue will be taking orders at the September 21 meeting as well as by mail at 4110 Park Ave 23221. This is a lovely collection you'll want to see in your garden next spring.

Garden Club of Virginia 2020 Lily Collection



Angela Division 7: Double Oriental, white with green highlights, fragrant, 3 to 4ft. tall, late July.



Nashville Division 8: LA Cross, gold yellow, light scent, 3ft. tall, June early July.



Gizmo Division 8 (LO): cream, extended green nectary, 3 to 4ft. tall, July/ August. In VA they bloomed late June last year.



Fujian Division 8 (OT): crushed raspberry, 3 to 4 ft. tall, July.



Big Smile Division 7: Oriental, white with golden accent and red center stripe, 3 to 4ft. tall, July/August.



Forza Division 8: blue/ red, 3 ft. tall, June.

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

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



Membership Update

The OCTOBER 4th deadline for submitting New Member proposals is fast

The OCTOBER 4th deadline for submitting new member proposals is fast approaching! PLEASE help us come up with exciting new member prospects! Think hard – do you have a friend who loves gardening and whose children are now in school full time? Or a friend who has just retired and is interested in the environment? Or a work relationship with someone who wants to arrange flowers and work on community efforts at the Low Line? The possibilities are endless, and we want these ladies in our Club!

You should have received an email this week from Stephanie Lansing, Martha Moore and Libby Robertson detailing how to go about proposing. **The form was attached and it is easy to complete! Please mail or deliver it to either Martha (323 Oak Lane, 23226) or Libby (305 Marston Lane, 23221) by OCTOBER 4th.**

As we pointed out in our cover letter with the form, Jennifer and Kelly have worked all summer to lead the charge to make TGC a great learning experience for everyone with lots of fun, not busy work, to go along with it! Thanks in advance for your help with this MOST IMPORTANT project of our Club!

Conservation

TGC CONSERVATION SURVEY

Click the button above to take this **QUICK** 8-question survey!
Thanks for your participation!





Kent-Valentine House Kick-Off

Our creative team of K-V arrangers -- Betsy Mitchell, Liz Carden, Penny Peebles and Julia Borden Rose -- kicked off this season with an amazing collection of arrangements for a luncheon hosted last week. Thank you ladies!





GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Award

Established at the Annual Meeting, May 1979, to provide an annual grant to promote projects in the interest of conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation and education. The two word name Common Wealth was chosen to describe the "wealth" that is "common" to all Virginians

We will be voting on this year's Commonwealth Award recipient at our Membership Meeting. Please click [HERE](#) to read about the finalists and come prepared to vote!



THE GARDEN CLUB *of* AMERICA

Shirley Meneice Conference

It's not too late...You still have time to register for Shirley Meneice **Registration ends September 18!**

This is an amazing, FREE opportunity for each of us to be able to hear from the most current horticulture speakers and have the opportunity to join the experts as we tour some beautiful gardens, participate in garden tutorials, and even experience an exclusive guided excursion and wine tasting at a California vineyard

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Click [HERE](#) to take you to the GCA website where you can register RIGHT NOW!



Zone VII Virtual Flower Show 'Nurture'

When: November 19, 2020

Hosted by the Albemarle Garden Club and "committee members
from all corners of Zone VII"

Floral Design, Horticulture, Photography, and Botanical Arts

Registration:

For Zone VII members - September 14, 2020

For all GCA members - September 28, 2020

Classes will fill and close with those first registered

Click [HERE](#) to see schedule and register!





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

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

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