

Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton
Membership Meeting
Wednesday, September 19, 2018
at the home of Jennifer Sisk

Betty Jenkins opened the meeting and thanked Jennifer Sisk for sharing her lovely home for our meeting. Betty also thanked Macon Willingham, Janie Pinney and Mary Horton, the hostesses for the event.

Sara Cann gave the reflection, a prayer called *God's Evergreenness* from [Garden Blessings](#).

Program

Today's meeting featured two speakers: Frazier Millner Armstrong and Peyton Wells.

Frazier Millner Armstrong

Hylah Boyd introduced Frazier Millner Armstrong, the new and first Executive Director of Capital Trees. Hylah cited Frazier's work as an independent consultant and strategist and most recent designation as a YWCA 2018 Outstanding Woman in Marketing and Media Relations. Frazier has been on board for three months and has hit the ground running.

Frazier recognized contributions of the garden clubs who started Capital Trees; she is grateful to the clubs for its founding and for their continued financial support. She looks forward to honoring Capital Trees' mission and taking it to the next level.

Frazier said the mission of Capital Trees was parallel tracked:

- To grow and support the Low Line,
- and to provide advocacy for urban greening in the city of Richmond.

She announced the first *official* email from the organization went out yesterday. Hylah said if you haven't signed up for emails from Capital Trees, she could sign you up, or you could go online at capitaltrees.org to sign up.

The email announced two new awards:

- Merit Award from the American Society of Landscape Architects. The award recognizes creative and functional solutions to problems and challenges facing landscape architects and cities today.
- Challenge (matching) grant from the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation for \$100,000 to support the next phase of the Low Line, to be called the Low Line Green. The Green is the 2.5 acre area just inside the flood wall at Dock and 17th Streets adjacent to the Kanawha Canal. This neglected area will be landscaped with native trees, shrubs and grasses to serve as riparian buffers. Storm water mitigation amenities will be installed to capture and filter runoff from Interstate 95 and the off-ramp above, runoff that now drains directly into the canal. The area has enormous historic, environmental, social and economic significance. The project's cost is projected at \$1.7 million. Capital Trees hopes that our club will continue to support its work with a generous donation to Low Line Phase II to be matched by the Mary Morton Parson

Foundation. It is hoped that individual club members will also contribute. Each dollar given is doubled and presents an exciting opportunity to see an area of profound historical significance to our Capital city brought back to life.

Lastly, Frazier said financial support from foundations is key to successful fundraising. Capital Trees received a federal grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust for storm water management. She stressed the need to find more corporate-type funding and hoped we could supply the helpful connections and introductions to pursue additional support.

Peyton Wells

Peyton gave a preview of October Membership Meeting workshop, “Feathering Your Nest” and referenced the flyer (attached). This workshop takes place on Wednesday, October 24 from 10 to 12:30 at Grace Baptist Church. It requires an RSVP; please let Kate O’Hagan know if you plan to attend.

Peyton discussed how GCA and GCV are embracing Botanical Arts. Specifically she described how a judge evaluates a Botanical Arts entry. The five criteria for evaluation are:

- Design – 35
 - Craftsmanship – 30
 - Creativity – 15
 - Interpretation of theme – 10
 - Distinction – 10
- Total = 100

Peyton described each criteria and promised the workshop will cover those components in-depth. In addition, she distributed the workshop’s outline (attached). All attendees will leave with their own Botanical Arts creation.

President’s Announcements

- Betty Jenkins acknowledged and thanked a few people who worked over the summer:
 - Melinda Smith and Jeanine Hinson rounded up meeting venues. Check Green Book for changes.
 - Mollie Reinhart for producing the Green Book
 - Projects, Fund Raising, GCA and GCV Horticulture Chairs, Membership, Flower Chairs, the Executive Committee, Exhibits and our former president, Peyton Wells
- Reminded us to pay our annual dues
- Called for vote to approve May meeting minutes: Susan Landin moved, Sara Cann seconded. Motion passed.
- Gave a brief update on the Shirley Meneice Horticulture conference she attended last weekend in Delaware. She encouraged us to attend future conferences. She recognized Missy Ryan and Rita Ryan who collected over 60 packets of seeds to take to conference to share with the 250 women and one man in attendance. Betty will submit a full report on the event to the club.
- Announced Christina McCoy as our delegate to GCA Zone 7 meeting in Roanoke.

The Common Wealth Award-Sara Cann. Sara read a brief summary of the 5 finalists, details of which were emailed to the membership prior to the meeting:

- Project Dogwood – The Augusta Garden Club

- Urban Garden - Elizabeth River Garden Club of Portsmouth
- Paw Path Pollinator Garden by Martinsville GC and The Garden Study Club
- Strengthening our Roots - Mill Mountain Garden Club of Roanoke.
- Save the Rain - by Roanoke Valley Garden Club

Sara Cann called for a vote by show of hands. The Elizabeth River Garden Club wins our support. Betty will cast our vote at the GCV Board of Governor's meeting in October.

Communications-Lisa Burlee. Lisa announced the Board's approval to pursue the creation of a website to improve communication, provide centralized storage of pictures, archive meeting minutes, store member directory information and show our calendar of events. The board found money to build and maintain it. Lisa will get the site up soon. She said the goal is to start simple and grow with it.

Lisa has made a prototype and shown it to the Board. Anne Poarch asked about the ongoing manpower and skill level needed to maintain the website in the future after Lisa rotates off her role in two years. Lisa will make sure the site is easy to maintain without requiring specialized experience.

Betty and Lisa said to visit the Boxwood Garden Club website for inspiration; you can find it on the GCV member section of the website. Mary Horton said it would be nice to have a specific place online to indicate special resources we can contribute. Lisa and Betty said they will reach out to all for more ideas like Mary's. Gathering the information will be hard and they will lean on everybody for that content.

Membership-Janie Pinney. Janie reports we have 6 spots for new members. Be thinking about potential candidates. Proposal forms go out Monday, September 24th, with guidelines for filling out the form. Proposal forms due October 4 by 5pm.

This year we will vote online to make the process easier and more confidential. Easy instructions for voting will be distributed. Voting will extend until 10:15pm on November 14, the date of the November membership meeting. Paper ballots will be accepted. Janie encouraged voting prior to the day of the meeting.

GCA Horticulture - Rita Ryan needs horticulture exhibits for the GCA Zone 7 meeting in Roanoke in October. Specimens are due by Sunday, October 7. Rita circulated a sign-up sheet with specifics.

GCV Symposium Horticulture Exhibits - Jill Mountcastle reported for Susan Meyer who couldn't attend. Susan Meyer and Joanie Robins are trying to make it easy to exhibit on September 25 at the Symposium so our club has good representation. Specimens can be dropped off Joanie's house on September 24th. A flyer was left in each chair with specimen categories and more details (attached). Preregistration is not required to exhibit. Contact Susan Meyer or Joanie Robins for more information.

The Tuckahoe News-Jill Mountcastle – Jill says the newsletter will be FULL of information; please read thoroughly. Betty wants to reduce business at meetings by putting more information in the newsletter thus reducing time spent on announcements at meetings.

Lily Orders-Freddie Gray. GCV Lilies are ready to order; they cost \$32 which includes shipping. Freddie left a flyer (attached) in each chair with description of the lilies and ordering information. Orders are due by September 21. The bulbs will be delivered in the spring. Betty recognized Julia Borden Rose and RoseMarie Bundy who won awards at Lily show in the spring.

Guidelines-Peyton Wells. Peyton explained the new book of Roles and Responsibilities that serves as an appendix to our Constitution and By-laws. It defines in depth the roles and responsibilities, timelines, forms, and procedures for each job in our garden club. The document will be uploaded to the GCV Landing Page (private) for reference and it will reside on our website eventually. It will be maintained by our Constitution Chairman. Betty thanked Peyton, saying she worked exhaustively to complete this thorough document.

Fundraising-Spring Sale - Martha Moore. Bulb orders are due by September 30. Forms (attached) were on the table outside the entrance to the meeting and were emailed to the membership on September 10. Martha said if anyone had any special projects or any special herb quantity requests for the spring sale, to let her know by October 4; the order is due by October 5 to get the best bulk price from the wholesaler.

TGC Artistic Exhibit Results - RoseMarie Bundy, Frannie Phillips

Class I: "Create a floral arrangement using late summer blooms in a glass container" had a total of 9 entries. Ribbons were awarded to:

- Blue - Patricia Hunter
- Red - Martha Moore
- Yellow - Jill Mountcastle
- White - Susan Ewing, Meredith Lauter, Liza Cabell

TGC Horticulture Results-Julia Borden Rose. Julia Borden said *Going to Seed* was a new category today, and reminded us that boxwood is not permitted in exhibits. Ribbons were awarded to:

- Class A: Zinnia Specimen of Collection (3-7)
 - Red - Susie Benson
 - White - Patricia Hunter
- Class B: Dazzling Dahlias - Specimen
 - Blue - anonymous
 - Red - Sue Taylor, Rose Marie Bundy
- Class C: On your walk find a flower going to seed. Display as specimen.
 - Red - Betty Jenkins, Liz Carden
 - Yellow: Jill Mountcastle, Susan Landin
- Class D: Specimen of your best vegetable
 - Blue - Jill Mountcastle

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Buoyer, Recording Secretary
September 25, 2018

List of Attachments

- Botanical Arts Workshop Outline
- GCV Horticulture Flyer
- Feather Your Nest Flyer
- GCV 2018 Lily Collection

The Tuckahoe Garden Club Membership Meeting

Botanical Arts Workshop

"Feathering Your Nest"

Design	35
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A. Study all designs in the class

1. Optimal viewing point may need to be very close in jewelry or pressed plants
 - a. All appropriate sides must be considered
 - b. Based on criteria in the schedule
 - c. Judges must exercise great caution when judging from a close vantage point

B. Begin the evaluation of each design using elected principles and elements of design

1. Clerks begin notes on comments
2. Award assignment is made after all comments are finalized

C. Principles of design

1. Balance

- a. Visual stability
- b. Radial (central focal point)
- c. Symmetrical
- d. Asymmetrical

2. Contrast

- a. Differences between unlike elements
- b. Creates interest but does not confuse

3. Dominance

- a. The importance of one element over another

4. Proportion

- a. All parts of the design should relate to each other to create a harmonious whole
- b. If needlework, the size of stitches should be proportional to the design elements

5. Rhythm

- a. Visual movement through the design
- b. Uninterrupted

GCV Symposium Horticulture

HELP!

We will need horticulture to enter on **Tuesday 9/25**. Just about anything in bloom (in good shape) you have in your garden will qualify for a spot in the show!

We need specimen from the following categories:

Perennials grown for bloom: yarrow, begonia, chrysanthemum, coneflower, daisy, salvia, sedum, goldenrod, etc.

Perennials grown for foliage: arum, fern, heuchera, hosta, etc.

Annuals: celosia, cosmos, sunflower, zinnia, etc.

Dahlias

Flowering, berried, seeded or fruited branches: poets laurel, callicarpa, camellia, hydrangea, etc.

Roses

In addition, we need containers, preferably green glass, for these cuttings.

Susan Meyer and Joanie Robins will be entering the horticulture for the Tuckahoe Garden Club. Please get in touch with either of them to let them know what you have in your garden. They will be happy to come and cut, or even happier if you will cut and **drop off at Joanie's house (6123 St. Andrews Lane) on Tuesday morning between 9:30 – 11:30**. Information provided with your specimen will be appreciated!

Questions? Call or email Susan or Joanie

"Feathering Your Nest"

A Botanical Arts Workshop by Peyton Wells

Bring...

**a pair of scissors and clippers [not your favorite],
and leave with an amazing piece of botanical art!**

Create...

something special out of dried foraged botanical materials.

Dress down...

**in something that, if you got spray paint, fingernail polish or crazy
glue on it, you would not mind a bit.**

Free yourself ...

**from your cell phone and
allow yourself to be a child again for two hours.**

Learn...

to look at parts of a plant differently and to locate natural materials.

Imagine...

**making birds out of Ligustrum seed pods, nests out of acorns, and
bird eggs out of dried spices.**

TGC October Meeting on Wednesday, October 24th, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Grace Baptist Church – 4200 Dover Road

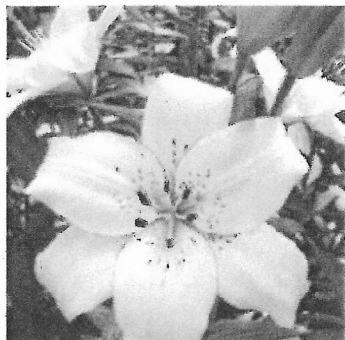
We need to know if you will be in attendance prior to the meeting

R.S.V.P. to Kate O'Hagan by Wednesday, October 3rd

kohagan@yahoo.com or (919) 608-9692

The Garden Club of Virginia 2018 Lily Collection is now available. Each collection includes these six bulbs from B&D Lilies and costs \$32, including shipping. The deadline for ordering is September 21. If you would like to place an order, please make a check out to Freddie Gray and either mail it to her (14 Tapoan Road, 23226) or give it to her at the September meeting. The collections will be shipped next spring.

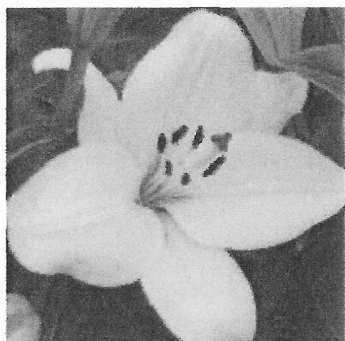
Garden Club of Virginia 2018 Lily Collection



Eyeliners 8 (LA) White with petals edged in purple-black. 3-4', June



Royal Sunset 8 Pink with melon centers. 4', June



Trebbiano 8 (LA) soft yellow, green overtones. 3', June/July



Conca d' Or 8 (OT) lemon, fragr., up/outfacing. 4-5', Jul/August



Flashpoint 8 (OT) red and cream, fragrant, outfacing. 5', July



Pink Snowflake 8 (OT) white with pink buds and petal reverse, fragrant. 3-4', July/Aug