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THE TUCKAHOE NEWS



April 2019





New leaves and male flowers (the long green catkins) from the Quercus alba (white oak) tree. According to the [Richmond Times Dispatch](#), last Friday had the highest pollen count reading so far this spring: 3,915 grains of tree pollen per cubic meter of air, surpassing the count of 3,603 from last Thursday. On Wednesday, April 10th, it was the first day to top 1500, which is the threshold for the "very high" category.

But pollen, like April showers, brings May flowers!





THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Perseverance. That is the name of our boat; and an abbreviated version of that word is on my husband's license plate. When we were raising our sons, that single word became our family's mantra. When challenges were daunting, when hope was fading, when work seemed overwhelming, when there were sporting challenges on athletic teams, when time was short, we reminded our boys to persevere, to hang tough, not to give up, to get the job done.

Perseverance is defined as "persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success". Synonyms of perseverance are: "persistence", "determination", "resolve", "resoluteness".

"I do not think that there is any other quality so essential to success of any kind as the quality of perseverance." So says, John D. Rockefeller

I have to say that I've seen examples of perseverance in our club throughout the last 11 months... members who have gone beyond the call of duty on numerous occasions. Members who have persevered to get horticulture exhibited at the Symposium; members who have stepped forth when another member could not fulfill an obligation; members who persevered through personal or family illnesses; members who have travelled long distances to get a job done; members who, when the learning curve was daunting, resolved to learn how to do it and do it well. There are so many examples I could share! Be sure to read a latest story of perseverance later on in this newsletter.

Perseverance....remember this word, my friends; you'll hear it again soon. Thank you to everyone who is working so hard and persevering.

This newsletter is jammed packed with very important information. Persevere through it...you'll find information on the Spring Sale (don't miss it), the Lily Test Collection, HGW cocktails, a great Daffodil Day story, Partners 4 Plant (a must read), Horticulture Day, Centennial. And lastly, don't miss Hysterical History.....laughs and stories at a sustainer lunch.

So much here; don't miss any of it!

Betty

President, The Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton



Meditation Workshop

A great group of club members shared a contemplative morning with fellow member Lynn Brooke in her mediation studio earlier this month. With open hearts and minds, we explored the practice of learning to be mindful, releasing our thoughts, putting aside worries of the future, struggles with the past and concerns of the present with mindful breathing techniques. We learned that with practice, these techniques promote increased focus, improved memory and helps to calm the mind-great motivators to make us better garden club members! Granted, this was only a very small introduction, but we embraced this exercise, making us most curious about further exploration of the practice. Thank you Lynn for the gift of your time and sharing your talent with us.

Betty

TGC NEWS & INFORMATION

TGC Spring Sale



A great little plant sale!
Come shop with us...

- * Beautiful plants you can grow & use for Historic Garden Week
- * Herbs, Annuals, Perennials, Shrubs & Hard to find plants
- * Planted pots and garden accessories

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 9:00-3:00
3904 Exeter Road, Richmond, Virginia
Presale forms available www.tuckahogardenclub.com

Spring Sale is HERE!

**We are looking forward to our Spring Sale on Wednesday, April 24th,
from 9-3 at Liz Carden's house, 3904 Exeter Road.**

We still need a few more volunteers. If you can spare some time Monday, April 22 between 1-4p.m.; Tuesday morning anytime between 9 a.m. -1p.m. or Tuesday afternoon from 1-5 p.m., please let Molly Revere know. On Sale day, the 24th, we need 4 more helpers at the end of the sale from 3-5 p.m., so please volunteer to help if you can! Call or email Molly with your availability (molly.revere@gmail.com).

We also need garden carts and wagons to help move plants. If you have one to share, please drop off at Liz Carden's labelled with your name on Monday, April 22.

This year the Spring Sale will feature some fun vendors. We have a special new booth called "Tuckahoe has Talent". We are looking for donations of art or special creations by our members. These items are to be dropped off to Molly Revere by Monday, April 22, and priced as you see fit. We would love to have small paintings, sketches, mosaics, pave designs, or any artistic creations that you would like to offer.

Abbi Custis is coming with fun prints and accessories for your river and beach houses. She has colorful fun stationery with a flair that you will enjoy.

Tricia Boor is joining us from Apothec and will have her special lotions and candles made from lavender/geranium and other plant concoctions. She will be bringing her ORGANIC BUG spray which you will want to load up on for the summer. There will be beautiful glass and pottery from Ruth Hill 's neighbor in Gloucester. Carolyn Beauchemin from Tuckahoe Plantation will have some special homemade containers made from sticks, along with willow baskets.

If you are working at the sale or simply want to have a bite of lunch with a friend in Liz's lovely garden, contact Charlotte Clarkson (clarksoncharlotte@gmail.com) to order a lunch in advance.

We are excited to share some beautiful and special plants and hard goods with you all and look forward to seeing you there! Thanks for your support, and for talking up the sale in your travels. We will have LOTS of extra herbs as well as some annuals, perennials, potted plants, roses, and shrubs available for those who did not preorder. Pick your plants, shop some more, and help your spring and summer garden look beautiful! All proceeds from the sale go to community projects.

The Spring Sale Team

Martha Moore, Kathy Watson, Patricia Hunter, Molly Revere and Charlotte Clarkson





Three topiary bunnies are still available to hop onto your Easter table this week -- contact Martha Moore if you would like one !





Aquilegia canadensis or columbine, is an easy native flower to grow as it thrives in full sun to part shade and self sows quite politely. Plus, there are many flower colors: Light pink; a few shades of purple; yellow; or a combination of darker red with yellow.

MAY MEETING

THERE IS NO APRIL MEETING

May 22, 2018 (Wednesday)

Hostesses: Jeanine Hinson*, Julia Borden Rose and Martha Moore

Place: Cynthia Ferrell's home 8901 Brieryle Road (23229)

Note: this is a change from the Green Book. It is NOT at Patricia Hunter's home.

Time: 11:00 am

Program: Annual Meeting

Exhibits:

Class I: Vacation is near! No rules! Celebrate summer with your favorite blooms.

Class II: Bring in a black and white or color photograph from one of your favorite vacations that showcases a flower, plant or tree. Please note the location and no people in photograph.

Horticulture:

Class A: Frilly Fern: Specimen.

Class B: Happy Hosta: Specimen or Collection, including the name and location, sun or shade.

Class C: Pretty Peonies: Specimen or Collection.

Class D: Illuminous Iris: Specimen.

Not judged class: Bring in another horticulture specimen to be shared for its beauty and enjoyment. Note name and growing conditions.

Attendance at Membership Meetings Reminder

In order to record membership attendance quickly and accurately, we will use pre-printed nametags. When you arrive, find your nametag and wear it. All un-claimed tags will tell me who did not attend the meeting. *Remember, our by-laws state active members are allowed three excused absences per year. If you cannot attend a meeting, please contact me via email or text prior to the meeting.* Thank you!

Ellen Buoyer

Recording Secretary

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Photography Guidelines

How To Exhibit Photography

1. For the February and May meetings, photographs are a part of and will be judged in both the Horticulture and Artistic exhibits (see individual meeting schedules). For that reason, photography ribbons awarded during these two meetings will be counted towards whichever exhibit the photograph is entered.
2. For these two meetings only, exhibitors may have only one entry in each class, (i.e., an exhibitor may choose to exhibit a horticulture specimen or a photograph, but not both).
3. Each photograph, including any editing, must be the work of the exhibitor.
4. Photographs should be 5x7, with a white matte.
5. Exhibitors must register their own photograph. The photograph must be accompanied by 3x5 index card with the exhibitor's name on one side and class entered. On the front side an optional title of brief statement of intent (limit 25 words) may be included.
6. Limit: one photo per member, per class.
7. Club Photographer will have a supply of mounts and appropriate tape at both meetings for exhibitor's use.
8. Judging will consider composition, creativity and interpretation.
9. Judging will be done by Artistic/Horticulture judges or Club Photographer if present.

March Meeting Lunch at Shagbark

Wasn't the Shagbark lunch fun for so many reasons-fellowship and friends and a chance to enjoy a lovely Walter Bundy experience. Thank you Lena Scott for making all the arrangements. Our table assignments were so clever and cute! And next time you see Walter, be sure to tell him how much we all enjoyed it. Maybe he will showcase his sunflowers in the fall for us!





ATTENTION! SMILING FACES OF TGC MEMBERS!

Tricia and Chandler will again be taking pictures at our May meeting for the members portion of our website. This is the last chance to have your picture taken before September, which will be the official launch of the website. Be sure to find Tricia or Chandler at Cynthia's.

TGC Gift Committee

The Gift Committee requests the following monetary gifts be made:

Special Gifts:

GCA Second Century Campaign	
(Partners 4 Plants)	\$2,000
GCV/KVH Mirror Restoration	\$1,000

Longstanding Gifts and Memberships:

Capital Trees:	\$250
Chesapeake Bay Foundation	\$100
GCA Scholarship Fund	\$100
GCV Annual Fund	\$100

GCV Endowment Fund	\$100
James River Foundation	\$125
Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden	\$500
Maymont Foundation:	\$100
Scenic Virginia	\$250
Virginia Conservation Network	\$250

The total amount of the gifts is \$4,875

(Gift Committee Request passed by the Board of TGC on February 11, 2019)

This proposal will be voted on at the May meeting.

Submitted by Susan Landin



We've got some progress to report for our current project, The Low Line Green!





Land License Agreements, which will enable construction, are making their way through City Council hearings. We expect that a final vote will be held after the City Council's April 22, 2019 meeting.

VHB Engineers are finalizing land disturbance permits and members of the Capital Trees Board continue to meet with area stakeholders to refine and coordinate plans for landscape, plaza and stormwater interventions on the site. Importantly, partial funding for construction and future maintenance of the Low Line Green has been included in the City's proposed 2020 budget.

Together, with our supporters and City Officials, **we must work to ensure that these funds remain in the budget.** Public and Private sector support are critical to funding the installation and maintenance of this culturally significant public landscape.

What can you do?

We encourage all of our friends and project partners to **contact their Council Representative and support Capital Trees' work and its inclusion in the**

proposed budget. Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and we look forward to seeing you on the Low Line!

Rose Tour at Hollywood Cemetery

Connie Hilker, Hollywood Cemetery's volunteer rosarian, will be conducting a walking tour of some of the roses at Hollywood Cemetery on April 27, 2019, at 2:00pm. Tour starts at the parking lot near Presidents Circle. For more info and reservations, email nrowe@hollywoodcemetery.org. (Image courtesy of Meg Turner <http://thewelldressedgarden.com/hollywood-cemeterys-heritage-roses/>)





TGC History

Tuckahoe Garden Club Stories for all to Read!

Sustainer Luncheon

March 14, 2019

On March 14, 2019 Tricia Sauer and Betty Jenkins hosted a luncheon at Tricia's lovely home for some Honorary and Sustaining Members of the TGC. When GCV asked for funny GCV stories to be shared for the GCV Centennial, Tricia and Betty thought that TGC should have our own archives of funny stories and quips. The stories we heard were of many members who have passed away, but there are also some great stories of current members. Read below for some hilarious memories. I was asked to be their scribe for this luncheon.

The conversation turned very lively when memories were shared of now deceased members. Lolita Munford, poised in her wheelchair, was the member who passed judgement on all TGC artistic arrangements to be entered in GCV and GCA flower shows. They all were critiqued by her and had to pass her muster.

Betty Towers was remembered for her vast knowledge of both arranging and horticulture, her

readiness to share it, and her very down to earth personality.

Janet Lewis was remembered as being “so much fun” to be around. Ruth Hill recalled flying in the Lewis’s plane to a meeting in Asheville, NC with Janet seated next to the pilot drinking a bourbon.

Mary Levell Tompkins was the long-standing custodian of the TGC’s Gardening Guide.

One year, Emma Oppenheimer taught us how to make large leaf osmanthus wreaths for Christmas. They were a staple in our Christmas workshop and sale for years. Emma was a mentor to so many of us when we became members. She took me right under her wing. I remember my first HGW. I was assigned to do flowers with Emma and Charlotte Frischkorn at Ann Ramsey’s first home in Goochland. I arrived with a bucket of greens and Emma arrived with the back seat of her car down and more buckets of flowers than you can imagine. That is when I learned what an arranger is ‘supposed’ to do. Of course, Emma said nothing, but I realized in a hurry!!

Barbara Andrews and Mary Moore were both remembered as being generous with their knowledge.

Whenever the club needed lilies for an arrangement or for horticulture, we went to Ben Dover Farm, Lou Preston’s home in Manakin-Sabot. At her funeral her son told a funny tale about coming home from college with some seeds. Lou, always wanting to work in her garden, planted the seeds. To her son’s horror these were not flower seeds...they were pot seeds!!

Charlotte Massie, longtime HGW Director of the Guidebook, was also remembered for writing ‘The Whirl of Richmond’ which appeared on the Society Page of the Richmond Times Dispatch. It contained little snips about who was entertaining with an afternoon tea including the menu and ladies present or who was traveling to an out of town wedding.

For the two years that Laurie Spratley was our Recording Secretary everyone waited anxiously for the minutes to be mailed knowing that they would have more than one hilarious quip.

It was funny to learn that at a GCA or GCV meeting hosted by TGC years ago, that members actually sewed squares of felt to make tote bags that were given to attendees! Can you imagine doing that today? They were a far cry from the elaborate ones with professional graphics offered today.

We all laughed remembering GCV’s 75th Annual Meeting when the bus Ruth Cunningham was hostessing on got off the Downtown Expressway at the wrong exit going to the meeting’s elegant black tie gala. It circled and circled the one way downtown Richmond streets. Exasperated and embarrassed, Ruth took charge and directed the bus driver to the destination....45 minutes late.

Perhaps the TGC meeting that will never be forgotten happened at the home of Mary Meade Davenport. The speaker was Tom French, who at the time was the guru of flower arranging in Richmond. The house was packed with members hanging on his every word. Part way through his dramatic presentation, a Chippendale dancer look-alike walked straight through the living room wearing nothing but a male bikini. He headed for the glass doors leading to the terrace, opened them, and proceeded to dive into Mary Meade's swimming pool, get out and walk out of the garden. Needless to say, the meeting was never brought back to order!

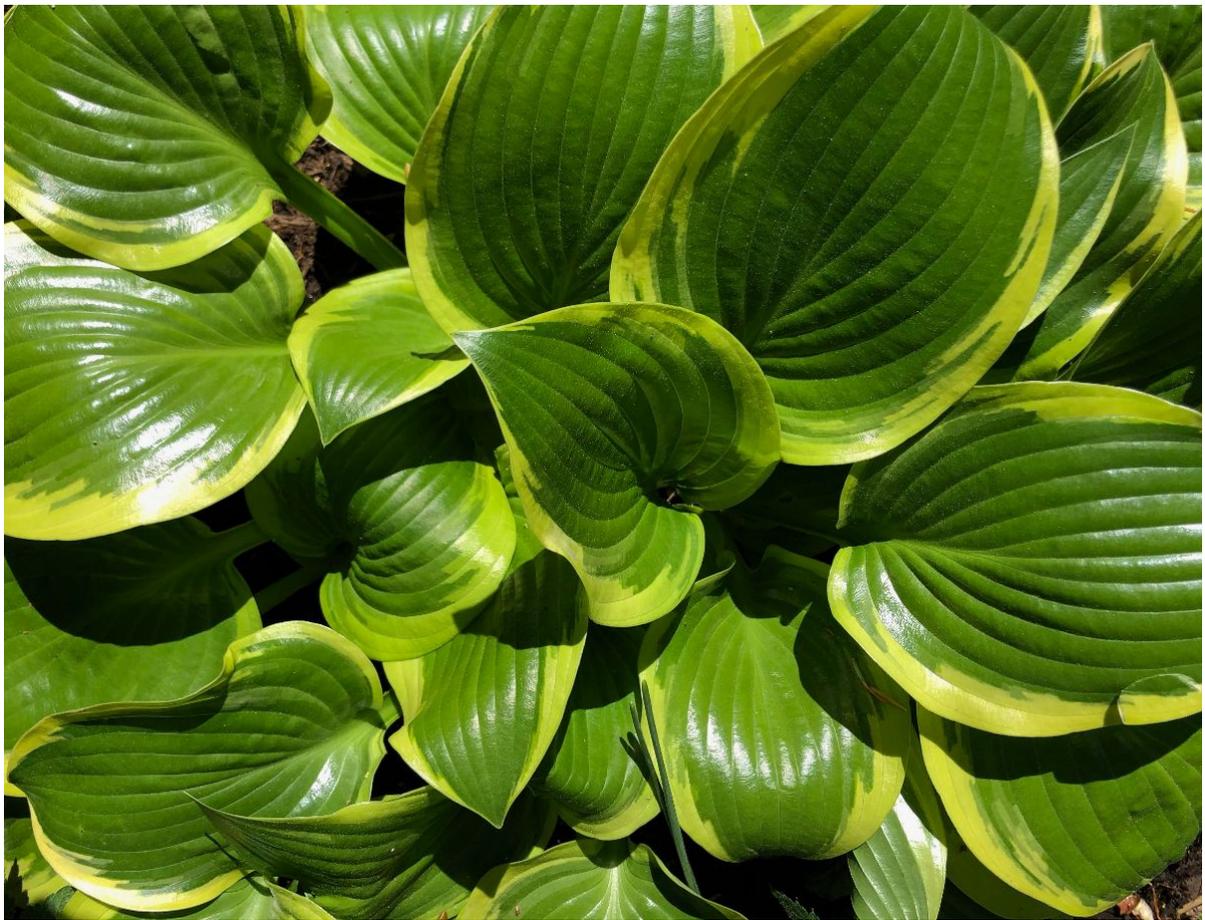
Pam Ware recounted the arrangement that she did with Brantley Knowles for The Lily Show in Danville. Being very pleased with the arrangement they had created, they returned after the judging to discover that the Tritoma, aka Red Hot Pokers, they had used in the arrangement decided to make a sharp 45 degree turn to the left of the center of the arrangement! The judges assumed their position was by design and applauded the angle that was created. They won a blue ribbon!

At some of our past TGC flower show/cocktail parties there was a category for spouses to enter. Tibby Gardner told about the fun her husband, Bill and Rosie Page had doing arrangements, one of them being 'Gone With the Wind' and another was done in a very old, nasty boot. Ross Mackenzie, Ginni's Mackenzie's husband and former editor of Richmond Newspapers, did a wonderful arrangement using an old upright typewriter.

Do these stories evoke some of your own TGC memories you would like to share? Your stories should not be forgotten! They are too precious to forget. Please share them Betty and Tricia if you do. They plan to host a similar event in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,
Leila Jones







So much of early spring is chartreuse, meaning 50% green and 50% yellow. Here are some fabulous green and yellow plants for your spring garden:

Deutzia gracilis 'Duncan' Chardonnay Pearls is a bright lemon-lime colored deciduous shrub with slender, arching stems. In mid-spring, tiny, fragrant, bell-shaped, white flowers appear.

'Band of Gold' Hosta; its leaves look painted green and chartreuse.

Chinese snowball viburnum or Viburnum macrocephalum grows to about 20' by 20' here in Virginia. In April, massive green florets bloom which quickly turn to white, looking like enormous snowballs.



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Here is a gorgeous 'Stainless' daffodil from Sara Cann's garden. Photo by Sara Cann.

GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA *Historic Garden Week*

Grab your girlfriends or take your husband to enjoy a signature Historic Garden Week cocktail April 1-May 4 at these fine restaurants-see below.

Try them all—they are all different and delicious. Note that if you take a photo and tag #HGWCheers on social media, you could win free tickets to HGW.

Lisa Brennan



GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA
Historic Garden Week
Signature Cocktails

Sip on botanical *Garden Week* inspired libations handcrafted by:

April 1- May 4 Visit these fine restaurants and take a photo of your cocktail.

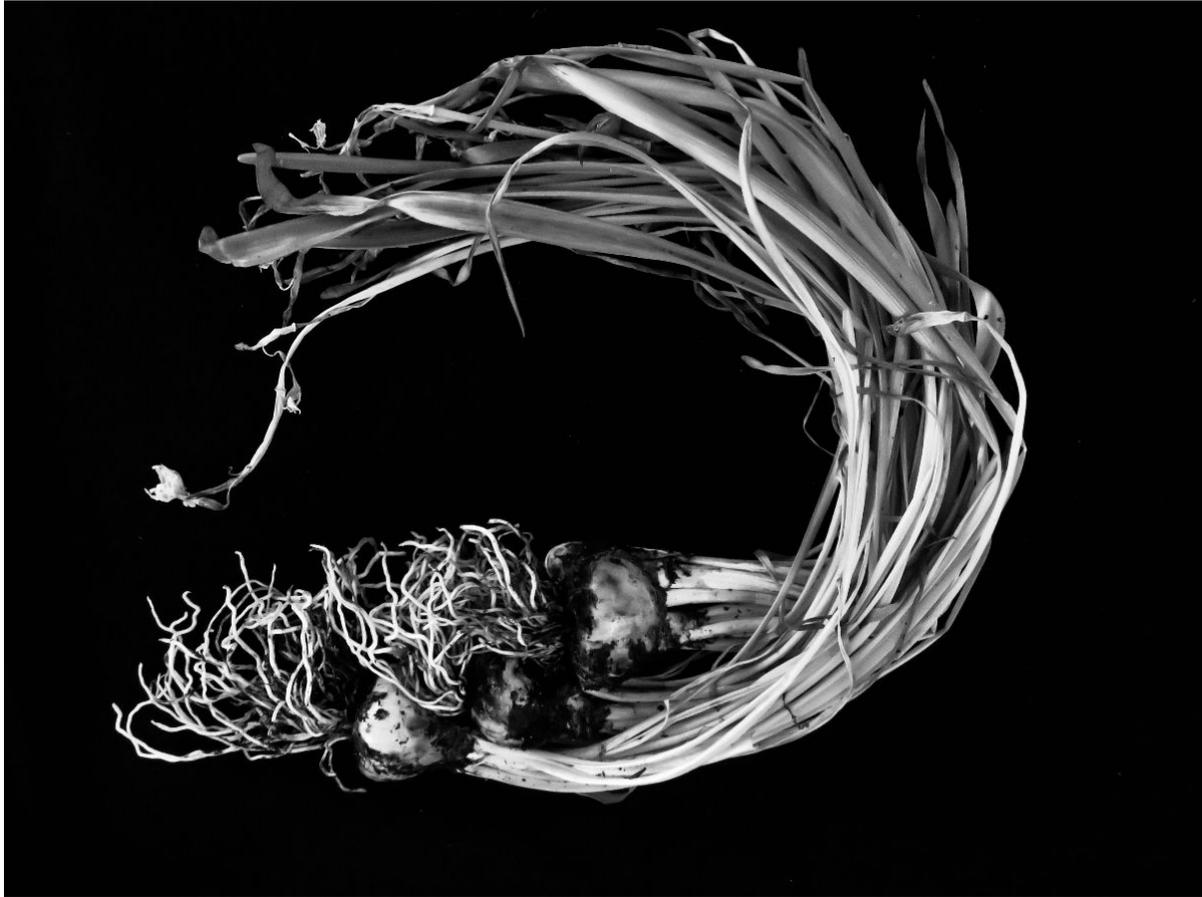



Post it and tag #HGWCheers for a chance to win tickets to HGW.



GCV DAFFODIL DAY





Above is Tricia Sauer's amazing, award-winning photo (Blue ribbon and Photography Novice Award) for the GCV Daffodil Day Flower show.

PERSEVERANCE AT DAFFODIL DAYS

Congratulations on our white ribbon for our entry at the GCV daffodil show. The arrangement was not the one we initially planned to enter.....after I dropped it off I realized that we had not followed the instructions exactly. The container was too large and the arrangement was not within the space allowed (especially after everything drooped overnight!).

After a nervous night with the thought that we would let TGC down if the arrangement did not pass, I

asked for assistance from Peyton, Betty and Susan Meyer. I was in capable hands. After some hand-wrangling and careful consideration, we decided to deconstruct the existing arrangement. We located a new container and some moss and with the wave of the flower arrangers' wand, we reinvented what we already had! Luckily, we had all the makings of an acceptable creation. Rocks, blooms, bulbs and spirea..... it passed and it earned a ribbon!

We were elated. High drama at the flower show!

I learned many lessons, among them: read the instructions and follow the instructions, carefully. This was a valuable learning experience and also a funny story to look back on. I am actually very grateful for the creative, problem-solving time I spent with the other members of TGC. Next time I will read everything VERY carefully.

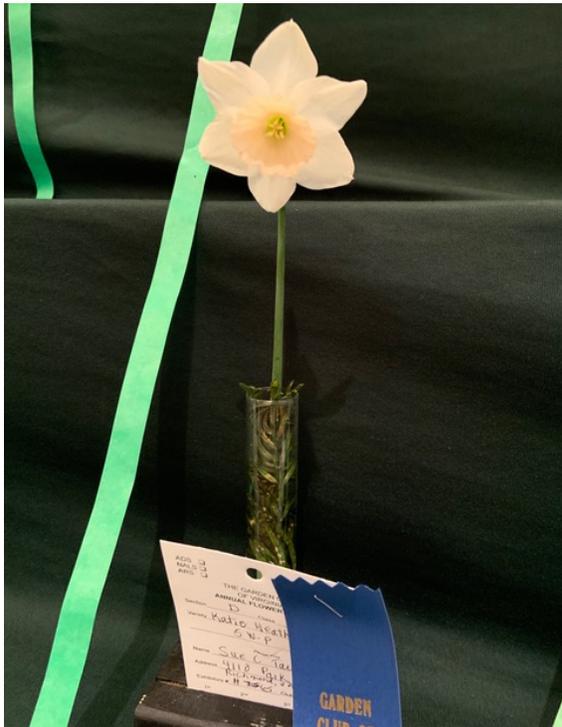
Also, a shout out to Margaret Eck, daughter of member Rita Lyles, who was gracious enough to give me a beautiful, blooming double bulb fresh from her yard!

Thanks for everyone's help!

Patricia Hunter

Below are photos of our entries, many of them award winners.





GARDEN CLUB

O F V I R G I N I A

Centennial

1920-2020

This just in from GCV—mark these dates in your calendar! Doesn't this look fabulous?!

May 12, 2020

- Evening reception at the Kent Valentine House

May 13, 2020

- Thomas Woltz will speak at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. Garden and Gun calls him a rising star, “a landscape architect committed to conservation and improving the world we live in”.
- Luncheon at VMFA
- Afternoon: self guided tours of seven GCV restoration sites and an opportunity to shop, rest or enjoy local sites.
- Evening Gala and Grand Opening of the GCV 100 Year exhibit: Virginia: “A Landscape Saved”

May 14, 2020

- Flower Arranging Demonstration with Paula Pryke

Remember to order your GCV test collection! For more information, contact Sue Taylor at suectaylor4110@gmail.com

2019 GCV Daffodil Collection “By the Numbers, Continued”

Described below is the daffodil collection for 2019. This year's selections are samples of Divisions 6-11 daffodils. The special characteristics of each variety are detailed with their pictures. Look on the American Daffodil Society's site www.DaffSeek.org for more photos and information about each.

(Pictures from DaffSeek).



'Orange Comet' 6 W-YYO As a Division 6 (Cyclamineus) daffodil, this has a single flower per stem, strongly reflexed petals, a down-facing pose, and a short neck. It is an early-midseason bloomer bred and introduced by Brent and Becky Heath in 2014 but not yet registered.



'Beautiful Eyes' 7 Y-O This is a Division 7 (Jonquilla and Apodanthus) daffodil. Division 7 daffodils are the true jonquils. They commonly have one to five florets per stem and are fragrant. 'Beautiful Eyes' blooms in mid-season and was registered by Brent Heath in 2004.



'Geranium' 8 W-O This is a familiar Division 8 daffodil found in many old gardens. Division 8 (Tazetta) daffodils usually have three to twenty florets on a stout stem and are very fragrant. 'Geranium' has won several awards as a good garden daffodil. It was hybridized by J. B. van der Schoot of the Netherlands and registered before 1930. Because it was registered before 1940, it is classified by the American Daffodil Society as an Historic daffodil.



'Actaea' 9 W-YYR Division 9 daffodils (Poeticus) and may be called "poets" because they are similar to the species daffodils *Narcissus poeticus*. They usually have a single flower per stem with pure white petals and a very small, disc-shaped cup. Most have a fine red rim at the edge of the cup. Many are late bloomers, but 'Ornatus' may bloom mid-season before most poets. Hybridized by G. Lubbe and Son of the Netherlands, it was registered before 1919 so is an Historic daffodil.



'Smiling Twin' 11a W-Y Division 11 (Split-Corona) daffodils have cups that are divided into sections, usually 6 sections and may have one or more florets per stem. 'Smiling Twin' was hybridized by Brent Heath and registered in 2003. As the name suggests, it usually has two florets per stem. It blooms mid-season to late.

Horticulture Field Day

May 22-23, 2019

Orange County, Virginia

If you love beautiful gardens, good food and great fun, treat yourself to a getaway with fellow Garden Club of Virginia members in beautiful Orange County, Virginia.



members in majestic Orange County, Virginia.

Our headquarters will be The Market at Grelen, a European style garden shop situated on a scenic 600-acre tree nursery.

Field Day begins on **Wednesday 1-5 p.m.** with a tour of the very special gardens of Mount Sharon Farm, with English, French and Italian influences, graciously open to us by our hosts Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seilheimer. This is not to be missed!

On **Thursday, May 23**, check in at Grelen at 9:30 a.m. Take an **educational trail tour** to learn about special varieties of trees and shrubs, join a **proper pruning techniques workshop**, and learn how to create stunning container gardens for season-long interest.

After a break for lunch, take a short drive to Montpelier (a GCV Restoration Site) to visit the terraced gardens, as well as the lovely private grounds of nearby Gaston Hall, kindly opened by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Brooks.

Horticulture Field Day is open to GCV members and one guest.

\$50 Per Person. Non-refundable. Please register by May 15.



Click here to register for Horticulture Field Day: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eg36yzgb3546f11e&llr=g4quzjcab>





Podophyllum peltatum, or mayapple, is a herbaceous, early spring wildflower and native to Virginia. Large colonies can form in the woods. The mayapples pictured are growing next to young hellebores and periwinkle. Mayapple flowers are quite showy, but usually hidden by the umbrella-like leaves. (This mayapple flower is still in bud form.) Each flower gives way to an edible, fleshy, greenish fruit (mayapple) which turn golden when ripe and may be used to make preserves and jellies. Box turtles love to eat mayapples!



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GCA PARTNERS FOR PLANTS

Partners for Plants



DIGGING IN:

**All You Need to Know About
PARTNERS FOR PLANTS**

“Partners for Plants is a joint initiative of the GCA Conservation and Horticulture Committees, focused on restoring native habitat on federal, state and local public lands throughout the United States.

Coordinated by a GCA member, each P4P project is as unique as the group undertaking the task.

Working closely with botanists and land managers who share their knowledge and expertise and supervise activities, members remove invasive species, inventory and monitor rare plants, propagate and replant natives.”

The above is the description of GCA’s Partners 4 Plants initiative.....and we are now part of it with our James River Park System Native Habitat Restoration Project! Thanks to great work, especially by James River Garden Club’s Meg Turner, our two clubs are actively working along the James River under the

auspices of the James River Invasive Plant Task Force to remove invasive plants and recreate habitat for our wonderful native plants.

Chapel Island, which is adjacent to our amazing Low Line project, is the site of our efforts. The GREAT news is that, along with the commitment to Partners 4 Plants, came grant money from GCA to have botanists study the site so that we will be able to actively in the future replace invasive species with native species.

The work is hard and the reward for our river and our park system is great! How amazing to realize that we truly CAN make a difference...that we can remove invasive and thus restore habitat, increase biodiversity, add to pollinators' food sources and even plant some native species! By working hand-in-hand with fellow garden club members under the guidance of knowledgeable botanists, we will also better understand our ecosystems

PLEASE find time to come out, armed with gloves, long pants and weeding tools! Call a good friend in our club to join you or bring a spouse or child, well-dressed to attack invasives! Hands-on work makes a difference in the way we feel about our environment. It may not seem to be momentous to clear a small area of invasive honeysuckle, English Ivy or other "bad guys"; yet, working as a team, we can see the difference. I LOVED my first effort in this project. I worked with people whom I'd never met as well as with people whom I greatly admire...We had a common goal.....ATTACK....and we did it. A couple of hours with a good number of fellow workers truly adds up! Looking back at the areas we cleared gave me hope for the future of our river, for our pollinators, and for better habitat.

Our next workday is Friday, May 31, 9:00am-11:00am. More details will be shared closer to the date.

Meanwhile, check out this New York Times article published about P4P just a few weeks ago. Aren't we happy that we are a part of this great project!! We are making a difference!

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/11/opinion/the-real-aliens-in-our-backyard.html>

Sue Thompson





Exciting news – just in!

The Garden Club of America will receive the coveted [Rachel Carson Women in Conservation Award](#) from the National Audubon Society in May 2019.

The Award recognizes American women whose exceptional talent, expertise and energy greatly advance conservation.

And we are amongst great company! Past recipients have included Lady Bird Johnson; our own Elizabeth Titus Putnam, founder of the Student Conservation Association; Elizabeth Barlow Rogers; Sylvia Earle; Maya Lin; and Bette Midler.

We'll have much more to report at the Annual Meeting and in GCA publications. In the meantime, I urge you to enjoy the GCA's "[A History of Conservation and National Affairs and Legislation](#)" and to [read more](#) about what YOUR GCA is doing around the country!

Let's all raise a glass to The Garden Club of America!

GCA CONSERVATION

Conservation enthusiasts! GCA is offering this conference to member clubs. I wish TGC was in a position to pay for someone to go. I encourage anyone interested to go and share your information with us later.

For more information:

<http://https://www.gcamerica.org/members:calendar/eventdetails?id=11780>

Betty

**The Garden Club of America's
2019 Conservation Study Conference
September 24 - 26, 2019
Louisville, Kentucky**



Kentucky Conservation Greening the Bluegrass

PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR CLUB DELEGATES

Mark April 22nd on your calendar for your club delegate to register for one of 50 spots reserved exclusively for clubs!

From April 22 - May 6, clubs may register exclusively for the 50 reserved spots until they are filled. A waitlist will be maintained.

Now is the time to identify club members who have never served on the national Conservation or National Affairs & Legislation Committees and who are interested in taking advantage of this NEW GCA educational opportunity, previously open only to national committee members! Give preference to someone who will be attending a GCA conference for the FIRST time.

Registration will open to committee members on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

CONFERENCE COSTS

Club delegates: \$450 registration fee with an additional cost for an optional dinner on Thursday night.

GCA PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography 101

Don't miss this opportunity to sign up for a Photography 101 workshop on Thursday May 30th at Norfolk Botanical Garden. Registration is available online at the GCA website.

<https://www.gcamerica.org/members:eventregistrations/eventdashboard/id/246>

The cost for the day is \$125.00 which includes breakfast, lunch, instruction, entrance to Norfolk Botanical Garden and a full day of activities: 8:30a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Photography 101 workshop is designed to get GCA members interested in photography. The workshop is targeted at beginner photographers and is a great educational opportunity to improve your image taking skills. Patty Hankins, the instructor, will present talks on the basics of digital photography and then focus on an approach to garden images and macro and close up photography. This class will take place at the Norfolk Botanical Garden and will have a session with hands-on shooting outside amongst the flowers (weather permitting).

Questions can be directed to Dana Parker, Photography Rep for GCA Zone VII, danaparker@usa.net or 757-618-1497.

Patty Hankins is a flower and landscape photographer in the Washington, DC area. She is the author of [Wildflower Meditations: A Gift for the Spirit](#), which features 90 of her photographs of wildflowers and 90 inspirational quotations. She leads several photography workshops and photo tours each year including flower photography, landscape photography, and photo editing. Patty was recently described as “one of the most professional fine art floral photographers” when she was ranked #1 on Top Ten’s list (<https://www.topteny.com/top-10-best-macro-photographers-in-the-world/>) of the Top 10 Best Macro Photographers in the World. You can see more of her work, learn about her workshops and order a copy of her book at BeautifulFlowerPictures.com.



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