
Tuckahoe Garden Club

THE SUN

Have you ever seen
anything
in your life
more wonderful
than the way the sun,

every evening,
relaxed and easy,
floats toward the horizon
and into the clouds or the hills,
or the rumpled sea,
and is gone—

and how it slides again
out of the blackness,
every morning,
on the other side of the world,
like a red flower

streaming upward on its heavenly oils,
say, on a morning in early summer,
at its perfect imperial distance—
and have you ever felt for anything
such wild love—

do you think there is anywhere, in any language,

a word billowing enough
for the pleasure
that fills you,

as the sun
reaches out,
as it warms you
as you stand there,
empty-handed—

or have you too
turned from this world—
or have you too
gone crazy
for power,
for things?

-Mary Oliver

Fresh Cuts From Jennifer

Dear Ladies of Tuckahoe,

This poem by Mary Oliver brought me to tears when Kelly read it to us at our Board meeting last week. It reminded me how nature has sustained me through this past year, lest I ever take this for granted, and how the sun in all of its glory and wonder truly holds the power to restore, reenergize and reawaken with each daily rising and setting.

Spring is truly upon us and I am so excited for all that is in store for our Club in the next couple of months. Enjoy spending some time with this newsletter so that you may take advantage of all that is being offered for us, individually and communally, in these days ahead!

Happy Spring,
Jennifer

Please stay up to date with the Tuckahoe Garden Club Guidelines for Health & Safety by reading them at the bottom of the newsletter or visiting our website.

Upcoming Program and Calendar Events

HAND PICKED THIS MONTH IMPORTANT DATES

March 20th - April 5th

The Big Share and EVERYONE is invited to submit!
See details below.

Early April

GCA VIRTUAL Annual Meeting registration email arrives

April 14th

TGC Spring Sale

April 20th, 21st, 22nd

Historic Garden Week in Richmond

May

Mother's Day Flower Flash at CARITAS – details to come

May 10-12

CGA VIRTUAL Annual Meeting open to ALL members

May 19th

TGC Annual Meeting Home of Christina McCoy
(In person as of now, but stay tuned...)

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:



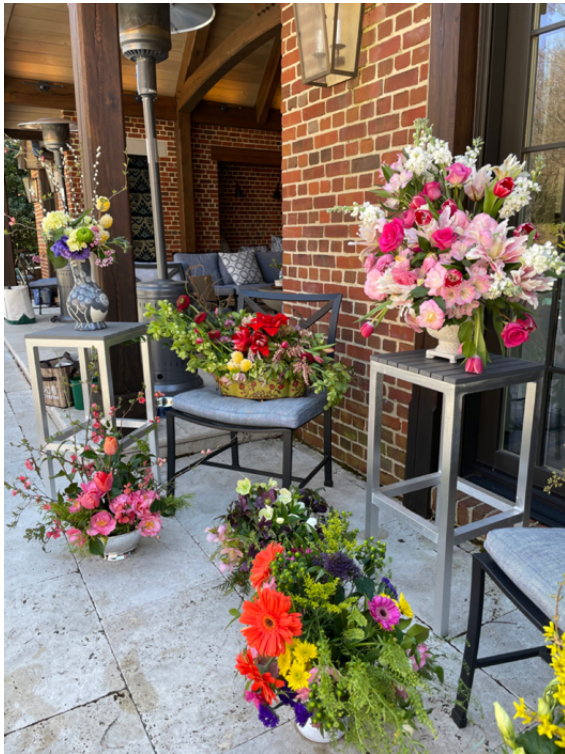
Tuckahoe Garden Club Spring Sale

Plans are being finalized for the Spring Sale. Prices and availability are still in flux. Our committee has secured some fun vendors. Stay tuned as the form will be sent out soon. We will be socially distanced and masked and ready to bring TGC's member gardens to life. The sale is at Liza Carden's house, 3904 Exeter Road.

www.tuckahoegardenclub.com/spring-sale

Program Highlights

Today was a fabulous day for watching the remarkable, creative Christin Geall and then trying our hands at some new arranging. Huge thanks to our members who opened their lovely outdoor porches – Chandler Klevan, Kelly Armstrong, Lisa Brennan and Barrie Edlich. And to our fabulous Programs Team that rallied to do all the communicating, coordinating and tech work – Rose Marie Bundy, Freddie Gray, Lynn Brooke, and Christina McCoy. You all are the BEST!!!! Enjoys these clips from the day...







If you were unable to attend today,
click on the link [HERE](#) to enjoy this GCA* workshop program!

*NOTE: you must be logged into GCA website to access

THE BIG SHARE

The Artistic Design Committee wishes you a Happy Spring! To celebrate this new season, we have an exciting program for our members!

Since we haven't been able to get together in person for meetings and monthly programs, and with a desire to stay connected, we are initiating "The Big Share". In lieu of monthly exhibits, this program is a way for members to virtually share our ideas, projects, and what we've been up to in our gardens during the pandemic. Participants will send their submissions to Anne Poarch (agpoarch@gmail.com). They will be collected and later shared on the TGC website.

Here are the details for "The Big Share":

This program is designed to encourage members to share their latest gardening projects, plans and creations with the rest of the membership.

Our vision for "The Big Share" is to center submissions on our Club's Mission Statement: Restoration, Conservation and Love of Gardening.

Have you perhaps installed a rain barrel, or planted a pollinator garden last

summer? What are you currently doing in your garden to prepare for spring? Any tips for winter pruning? Did you create a special floral arrangement for Valentine's Day or Easter? What are you planning to put in your vegetable garden this summer? These are just some examples of what we'd love to see submitted to "The Big Share".

What you share can be as simple or elaborate as you'd like; the main point is to stay connected to each other, share information and ideas, and continue to promote our Club's mission while we're apart!

Submissions will be accepted March 20 - April 7. Please email what you'd like to share (photos with captions are strongly encouraged!) to Anne Poarch (agpoarch@gmail.com). And of course, please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!
Renee and Anne

Membership Highlights



Right before Douglas Martin left Richmond to move to Charleston, Freddie and Martha spent a lovely evening with her reminiscing about the joy she found in her relationship with Tuckahoe Garden Club over all of these years and what this time with fellow gardeners meant to her. Enjoy this little video of their conversation:

tuckahoeclub.com/douglas-martin-video



Last Thursday, for the second session, we hosted our **FLOWER HOUR** for young legacy women at Lynn Brooke's house. Thank you, Lynn, for hosting!

Meredith Lauter, and her trusted assistant Joanie Robins, did a fabulous and inspiring job of demonstrating designs for naturalistic arrangements and the girls LOVED being brought in for all of the hands-on arranging. The ladies got to take home some great plant material and four fabulous arrangements were raffled for some lucky winners.





Conservation Highlights

As you all know, TGC has a brand new Conservation page on our website and a new Conservation Instagram account (private for our members only) - thanks to Jill Mountcastle, Ellen Buoyer and Lisa Burlee! These are both terrific resources for all of us!

Phase 2 on our TGC website is now LIVE so please visit. Here is how:
Log into <https://www.tuckahogardenclub.com> (password Daffodil) and
visit the new Conservation page

Phase 2 Highlights:

1. Video: Conservation Advocacy Conversation with Cabell West
2. Why and How to Advocate:
3. Understanding the Legislative Process:
4. GCV Conservation Lobby Day Overview:
5. GCA National Affairs & Legislation Conference Overview:

And visit the Instagram account by logging onto Instagram and follow @thegreencrusaders





GCV Bessie Bocock Carter Conservation Award

Thank you to all of you who took the time to cast your vote for the Bessie Bocock Carter Conservation Award. Tuckahoe Garden Club casted our ballot for The Lynchburg Garden Club and Hillside Garden Club - "Roadside Biodiversity Native Perennial Beds" to receive this award!

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

A Virtual Flower Show- goes LIVE for all of us on April 1

www.gcvirginia.org/daffodilday/



Challenge Class - Tuckahoe's own **Anne Poarch** will represent our Club in the Challenge Class. THANK YOU, Anne!!!



Be sure to check out the details and your assignments by clicking [HERE](#)

Historic Garden Week – Looking Ahead BIG NEWS!

Once every four years, each of the four Richmond Garden clubs is asked to take on the leadership for the two days of Richmond tours. 2023 is our year, as a club, to step into this role! Our team will 'shadow' Boxwood leaders next year (2022) then lead in 2023. I am pleased to report that we have assembled a terrific, generous group of leaders among our membership to 'carry the torch' for us for

Historic Garden Week in 2023! :

HGW Co-Chairs

Meredith Lauter
Bonnie Chicchi

Marketing

Chris Shands
Caroline Marvel

Guidebook

RoseMarie Bundy
Anne Poarch

Treasurer

Katherine Salt

Procurement

Frannie Phillips
Molly Revere
Kathy Watson

Hostess/arrangers

Chandler Klevana
Charlotte Clarkson

***Transportation**

Suzanne Duncan
Cara Rogers

*Note: Suzanne and Cara have 'shadowed' Transportation this year will be heading transportation for next year, 2022, at which point their job will be complete.

Thank you both!



THE GARDEN CLUB *of* AMERICA

2021 GCA Founder's Fund Award

Thank you to all of you who took the time to cast your vote for 2021 Founder's Fund Grant. The Tuckahoe Garden Club casted our ballot for the Houston Hospice Family Terrace and Commemorative Garden.



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 below when registration is open.



Thank you to one of newest members, Fran McDermott, for sharing this BEAUTIFUL resource with us from the fabulous Philippa Craddock! Open and enjoy seeing these sustainable arranging mechanics:

www.philippacraddock.com/top-ten-sustainable-mechanics

Very Exciting Native Plant News shared with us from Sue Thompson – so inspiring!

Dear Friends, here is an important update on native plant recognition...

Nancy Linz, GC of Cincinnati, Zone X, and co-founder of Ohio Native Plant

Month, <https://www.gcamerica.org/news/get/id/2623> is working to have April declared as National Native Plant Month!

Please visit the Ohio Native Plant website, ohionativeplantmonth.org for a wealth of information.

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.*

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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