
Tuckahoe Garden Club

Prayer in a Garden

Today the world seemed cruel, but evening hours
Were filled with perfume from forgotten flowers.
I saw again familiar filigree
Of moonlight through my lacy lilac tree;
I heard robins stirring in their nest;
And saw the path that fairy feet had pressed;
Reflected stars were in my garden pool;
On my warm face the breeze was kind and cool.
The silence seemed to speak, my head was bowed,
Then ramblers that had grown into a cloud
Lifted my eyes that, tear-washed, now could see
The beauty that today was lost to me.
Dear God, who is so near to flowers, and birds,
Be nearer still, as I shall search for words
To thank Thee for the blessings night revealed,
Which through the day discouragement concealed.
-Eva Sparks Taylor

Fresh Cuts From Jennifer

Dear Ladies of Tuckahoe-

I am hopeful that this month's newsletter finds each of you well as we are slowly emerging from our 'long winter's nap' and beginning to welcome spring. I am pleased to report that April brings with it great opportunities for us to safely be together, once again, outside and

enjoying springtime in Virginia! Our two biggest happenings are our Spring Sale this week at Liz Carden's home, followed the next week with Historic Garden Week. Please read below information on both of these events. I look so forward to being with you all!

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

Tuckahoe Dates

April 14th

TGC Spring Sale
Home of Liz Carden
3904 Exeter Road

May 4th-10th

Mother's Day Flower Flash at CARITAS
See details below

May 19th

TGC Annual Meeting
Home of Christina McCoy
In person as of now, but stay tuned
Rain date: Thursday, May 20th

GCV Dates

April 20th, 21st, 22nd

Historic Garden Week in Richmond

May 5th

GCV Annual Meeting

GCA Dates

Early April

GCA VIRTUAL Annual Meeting registration email arrives

May 10th-12th

GCA VIRTUAL Annual Meeting open to ALL members

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.

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

Committee Reports

All Business may be found by clicking the seal but PLEASE pay particular attention and time with these links as they will be up for a vote of approval at our May Membership Meeting. And note that ALL questions, comments, etc. should be made to Jennifer by MAY 5th, prior to the meeting!



Click [HERE](#) to view Board Approved 2021 Budget

Click [HERE](#) to view the Board Approved Constitution and By-Laws

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Tuckahoe Garden Club Spring Sale



Spring Sale preparation

THIS IS THE WEEK...!

Spring Sale time is here and the Spring Sale and the Spring Sale Committee lead by Patricia and Chris, has secured fun vendors, fabulous plant material and a few surprises. Whether you placed an order or not, be sure to stop by. 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, this Wednesday!

TGC Spring Sale

Liza Carden's house

3904 Exeter Road

Wednesday, 14th, 9am - 4pm

See below for a sneak preview of the fabulous raffle packages. Plan to purchase your raffle tickets before 2pm on the day of the sale.



Tuckahoe Garden Club and CARITAS are kicking off our
community partnership with a...
FLOWER FLASH!



The ladies of Tuckahoe will be kicking off our new partnership with CARITAS with a Mother's Day Flower Flash at their new and incredible site in Manchester. While the install of the flash will be swift and the job of only a few, the organization, preparation, creation and other logistics will be open to every TGC member who wishes to be a part of this venture!

Mark Your Calendars and look for sign – up soon...

Form Construction, Wednesday, May 4, 2021

25 Towana Road - Kate O'Hagan
9 am - 12 pm

Flower drop off and preparation, Thursday, May 6, 2021

6407 Roselawn Road - Barrie Edlich
9 am - 12 pm

Install, Friday, May 7th, 2021

The Caritas Center
7:30 am - 9 am

Space check and freshening, Saturday, May 8th

Space check, Sunday, May 9th

Clean up, Monday, May 10th



We are so fortunate to have a garden club whose members have so many amazing talents! For the Garden Club of Virginia's Daffodil Day 2021, the GCV's first virtual flower show, Tuckahoe members produced and entered exhibits that make us all so very proud of them

and their terrific efforts.

In preparation for the flower show, Peyton Wells organized and taught a hands-on Botanical Arts workshop, imparting tips and techniques to enthusiastic participants. Peyton also led the judging for the Botanical Arts division and imparted even more educational instruction in that effort - all so very much appreciated.

In Artistic Design, Anne Poarch created a gorgeous Colonial arrangement. following the TGC mission to *use no oasis*. Our congratulations go to Anne for her ribbon and beautiful design.

In Photography, RoseMarie Bundy and Jennifer Sisk entered a total of three photographs, all wonderful - and RoseMarie won a red ribbon. Their creativity extends not only to floral design but masterfully to photography. Congratulations, RoseMarie and Jennifer!!!

Tuckahoe Garden Club members Renee Gardner, RoseMarie Bundy, and Meredith Lauter serve on the GCV's Artistic Design Committee which helped produce the virtual flower show - a first for the GCV. Putting into practice conservation commitments of both the Tuckahoe Garden Club and the Garden Club of Virginia, an Inter Club class specified the use of no oasis and one class called for floral materials favored by our essential pollinators. Challenge Class materials not used by exhibitors were recycled for use in Tuckahoe's Flower Hour the next day with young novice arrangers. RoseMarie Bundy was honored in the language of the Mentor Award which celebrates the teaching relationship and partnership between experienced and novice floral designers.

Celebrating our terrific Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton Daffodil Day exhibitors and award winners:

Respectively submitted,
Meredith R. Lauter



Challenge Class - Spring!

H-31 Anne Poarch
The Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton
Novice



Floral Material next slide

Statement of Intent

My Dutch cousin visits Virginia! Daffodils may have arrived, along with other bright, happy flowers from the Netherlands. Imagine Dutch sailing ships arriving in Colonial Virginia with precious bulbs as treasured as gold. The riverside soil would give these new delights a chance to flourish in their new home - and to infuse the hard Colonial life with joy.

Judges Comments

A lovely design that encompasses the Principles and Elements of Design, with well-executed proportion, scale, and balance. Shape and form are pleasing. Varying dimension and textures add, and the lime background color choice complements the entire composition. A more even distribution of color would enhance. The foliage of the Queen Anne's Lace combined with the blue of the Anemone creates a visual negative space in the center of the design.

Awards

Yellow Ribbon



Challenge Class - Spring!

Floral Material (continued)

Anne Poarch
Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton

Scabiosa japonica, Scabiosa (Pin Cushion Flower)
Helleborus viridis, White Hellebore
Helleborus orientalis, Lenten rose
Pieris japonica, Pieris
Salix caprea, Pussy Willow
Prunus avium, Cherry
Narcissus pseudonarcissus, Daffodil
Anemone coronaria, Anemone blue poppy
Veronica longiflora, Veronica (or Speedwell)
Craspedia variabilis, Billy Balls
Consolida spp, Larkspur
Daucus carota, Queen Anne's Lace
Ranunculus asiaticus x hybrids, Ranunculus
Eryngium planum, Thistle (or Sea Holly)


GARDEN CLUB
OF VIRGINIA
DAFFODIL DAY
Photography Division

Spring Forward!



Judges Commendation

The number and caliber of novice entries points to a bright future for GCV Photography!

Rose Marie Bundy (Novice)
Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton

Statement of Purpose

"Good morning sunshine! "

The daffodils, looking at themselves in the reflection of the grocery window, are seemingly enjoying the warmth of the morning sun.

Judges Comments

Good statement of intent and effective use of light. Image would be enhanced with a prominent, properly focused focal point.



1.1

Jennifer Sisk (Novice)
The Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton

Statement of Purpose

"Beauty in the birth, life and death of the daffodil"

Judges Comments

An interesting interpretation of the class description. The focal points and textural backgrounds compete so the eye doesn't know where to go.



3.6

Rose Marie Bundy (Novice)
Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton

Statement of Purpose

To capture a landscape image with a "dream like" painterly background. The viewer is left to imagine what lies beyond.

Judges Comments

This image evokes a sunny spring day with its soft light and engaging muted palette. The shallow depth of field in the upper third adds to the effectiveness. Including the entire two daffodil flowers on the forward edges would enhance the composition.

2nd Place



5.3



Historic Garden Week is one month away! The blooms are starting to pop, the beds are being mulched, and the shrubs are being pruned. Time to get excited!

Our assignments for Hostess and Flower Arranging Shifts were sent to you on March 1st. Our schedule is attached here for your reference. As you know, if you cannot work your shift please make arrangements to have that shift covered and let your Head and Bonnie and Chandler know as soon as possible. You should be hearing from your Head Flower Arranger and Head Hostesses soon on details for your shift. Thanks in advance to everyone for pulling together for a successful garden week for our club and GCV!

Click [HERE](#) to view your TGC assignments and schedule for Garden Week



THE GARDEN CLUB *of* AMERICA

Hoping that many of you were able to participate in the fabulous Springtide Floral Design Conference last week!

A huge thanks to our GCA Floral Design leader, Peyton Wells, for her hand in Springtide!...

If you missed it click below for the link to enjoy.

<https://www.gcamerica.org/members/floral-design-conference>

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Floral Design Conference



Thank You For Joining Us!


We welcomed over 2000 club members from across the country to the Floral Design Conference!


If you missed it — or want to revisit it — the speaker videos are here on this page for you to enjoy!

Please take some time to explore the meeting materials, video links, and much more.

Special thanks to Event Chairman Margaret Wilson and Floral Design Committee Chairman Mary Moretz, and all the many volunteers and staff who supported this online conference.


Have feedback for us? Please share by taking this [brief survey](#).






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FLORAL DESIGN
COMMITTEE

promotes interest and
educates all GCA club...



TAKEAWAYS

takeaways from the
conference!

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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!
- Betsy Carney will be representing TGC this year as Delegate to the GCA Annual Meeting.
- 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.

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

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