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Tuckahoe Garden Club



Fresh Cuts From Jennifer

Dear Ladies of Tuckahoe,

"For some there are no wrong seasons. Which is what I dream of for me." *Mary Oliver*

Ahhh... the seasons. The light changes, leaves fall, flowers die, the snow comes and then the geese return. As gardeners we know of seasons and we understand the offerings of the winter, spring, summer and fall. And we accept all that each season brings us. This is where I find myself now... a new season.

The patience, compassion, flexibility and outpouring of your care, support and love over these past months and, most particularly these last weeks following Geoff's death, have been overwhelming and life-giving. The notes, messages, food, acts of kindness and of course, the FLOWERS, have all sustained our children and me. I will be forever grateful to this very special group of beautiful, caring and generous women who have shown Blakeley, Peter, Charlotte and me what it looks like to love.

So as each one of us, our Tuckahoe Garden Club and the natural world enters this new season, may we know the promise that each season presents. And may God continue to hold us in the palm of His hand.





With Much Love,
Jennifer

Tuckahoe Garden Club 2021-2022 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 recommended at all gatherings, both inside and outside, and ask that all members maintain social distancing
 - 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.
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Upcoming Program and Calendar Events

September 22, 2021 (Wednesday)

Hostesses: *RoseMarie Bundy, Lisa Burlee, Fran McDermott, Lauren Neal

Place: Home of Mary Kathryn Woodward, 308 Roslyn Road

Time: Refreshments 9:30 am and meeting 10 am

Program: "Mingle! Arrange! Recycle!"

We will have fun getting to know each other better by mingling in small groups. Each group will include newer members and Sustainers and will be making a flower arrangement.

We will also have a short presentation by Jill Mountcastle and Ellen Buoyer on "Recycling Know How".

What a great way to kick off our new Garden Club year!

Artistic Exhibits:

Class I: Create an arrangement using the last of your summer garden flowers. Containers must demonstrate the creative re-use of a "single use" plastic bottle (or bottles).

Class II: Create an arrangement incorporating late summer vegetables. Flowers and container of your choice.

Class III: Create an arrangement using only greenery. Must incorporate at least 3 different types of greenery. Container must be opaque.

Horticulture Exhibits:

Class I: Roses – Specimen or Collection

Class II: Zinnias

Class III: Dahlias

Class IV: Ferns

Class V: An example of recycling from your garden (a plant from a friend or a rescued plant)

Photography Exhibits:

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

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

Class II: "Reuse and Renew" - a photograph of an example of recycling as it pertains to protecting our gardens and land.

HAND PICKED THIS MONTH

IMPORTANT DATES

September 20th-21st

GCA Zone VII Meeting

September 22nd

TGC Membership Meeting

September 22nd-23rd

Shirley Meniece Horticulture Conference

September 29th

Flower Hour Meeting

October 5th

Membership Nominations Due

October 6th

Field Trip

October 25th

GCV Conservation Forum

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 Highlights

The membership committee has been busy this summer making plans for the fall! We will have **five openings for active members** for the fall, and proposal forms will be available at the September meeting, on the website and will be due back on October 5th. We received 3 requests from members to go sustainer, following our last Board meeting. Following is a recap of our membership changes for this coming year.

The Board voted and approved the following sustainers:

Sue Thompson- approved/deferring

Lena Scott- approved/deferring

Peyton Wells- approved/deferring

Resignations:

Fraser Davis

Mollie Reinhardt

Board-approved Sustainer requests:

Shelley Roberts

Susan Jones

Sue Taylor

Out-of-Town Membership Requests:

Rita Liles- Martha will get address

Death:

Laurie Spratley



Invitations for year two of Flower Hour will go out soon, around September 18th. We are **including our newest classes of members** and legacies from last year, but if there is anyone else who would be interested in the under 40 age group, please let Martha, Libby or

Stephanie know. We want those who are interested in learning about gardening, conservation, and flower arranging.

Flower Hour Dates:

September 29, 2021 5:30 pm

First House First Garden

Progressive meeting between Abbie Wharton's house and Betty Jenkins' gardens

'How to think about your new garden spaces'

4121 Kingcrest Parkway. 4228 Kingcrest Parkway

February 10, 2022! 5:30 pm

Walk the Walk Conservation

Conservation tips you can live with and adapt at home

Speakers: TGC's own Green Crusaders Jill Mountcastle and Ellen Buoyers

Location: Martha Moore's 6425 Roselawn Road , Richmond, Virginia 23226

April 7, 2022 5:30 pm

HGW Behind the Scenes

Flower prep and design

Speaker: Peyton Wells

Location: Kathy Watson's back porch & rose garden 5507 Matoaka Road Richmond, Va 23226

We encourage any of you who sponsored or endorsed new members in 2021 or 2020 to call them to carpool with YOU for the October 6 field trip. Also it is important for you to reach out to them and encourage them to come with you to meetings and exhibit.

Programs

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We are so excited about our tour to Oak Spring Farm! Many thanks to Lynn Brooke for organizing and to Scottie and Tom Slater, who were behind the scenes to make this happen for TGC! Our contact at Oak Spring, Catherine Muckerman, has been in touch with us about visitation requirements. And now with COVID considerations, we have some additional procedures required for our visit. Please see below:

Our tour is now limited to 30 people due to Covid. We are disappointed that all of our members will not be able to attend together. There is an option for members who are not able to attend on Oct 6th! GCV is hosting a visit day for all GCV members. Tickets are available online on the GCV website, but are limited. Those 30 members who responded first to the evite have been notified, and we apologize to those who could not be accommodated.

We will begin our tour at 10AM sharp. We recommend a 7:30AM departure from Richmond. Because of COVID, we will be carpooling. We have been asked to please limit cars on the property, so please find people to ride with. Plus it's more fun! Also, all cars will be required to give the security team at Oak Springs Farm, the color, make, model, and license for each vehicle on site. We will need ALL information regarding your car for the security team, and lunch choice by our first club meeting, September, 22.

We have been invited to enjoy a box lunch on the property after the tour. Our hostess committee will be reaching out to those going on the tour for lunch options.

Nominating Committee

Your Nominating Committee is in the beginning stages of determining who our next officers of the Club will be for 2022-24. We would love suggestions for dedicated

Officers of the Club will be for 2022-23. We would love suggestions for dedicated, positive and creative members to lead our Club in this next chapter. I recently heard these remarks from those who have held these offices either currently or in previous years:

"It was so fun to be involved in the day-to-day operations of the Club."

"I got to know so many members whom I would not have known well otherwise."

"I learned so much."

"I wasn't sure I could master the job, but I did and that made me happy."

"It was the best Club job I've had."

"I enjoyed the monthly Board meetings."

It is a great honor to be asked to be an officer and with those accolades, who could refuse! If you get the call, we hope you will say yes. Please call and share your ideas with me or any member of the Nominating Committee before the end of September.

Betty Jenkins, chair

Betsy Carney, Bonnie Cricchi, Freddie Gray, Martha Moore and Anne Poarch.

Gifts

Organizations receiving gifts from TGC 2020/2021 club year

Garden Club of America - Scholarship Fund
Garden Club of America - Second Century Fund - Partners for Plants
Garden Club of Virginia - Endowment Fund
Garden Club of Virginia - Annual Fund
Capital Trees
Chesapeake Bay Foundation
James River Association
Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens
Maymont Foundation
Nature Camp
Scenic Virginia
Virginia Conservation Network
Friends of Bear Creek State Park

Shalom Farms
Southside ReLeaf
Virginia Home
Science Museum of Virginia Foundation - Green Space Project



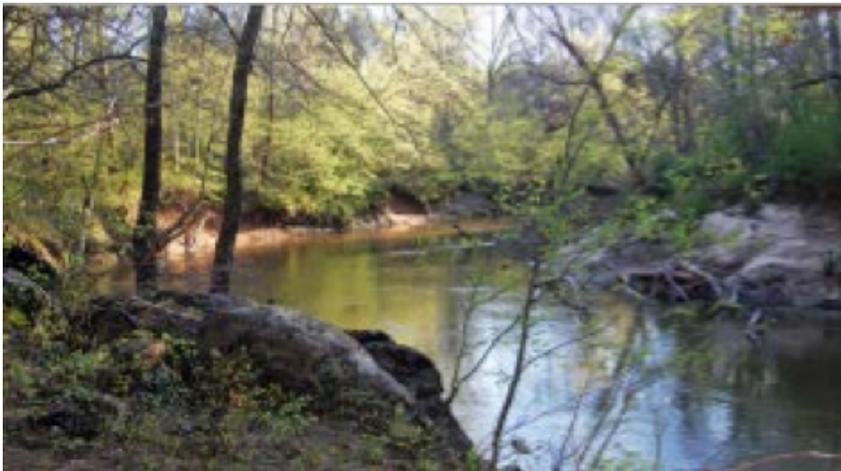
GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA

2021 GCV COMMON WEALTH AWARD NOMINEES

Please read, review and be prepared to vote.

A TRAIL TO THE RIVER AT FORT CHRISTANNA, LAWRENCEVILLE The Brunswick Garden Club, Lawrenceville

Fort Christanna was built on a cliff overlooking the Meherrin River by Governor Alexander Spotswood, who governed the Virginia Colony from 1710-1722. Spotswood's goal was to open the frontier for settlement, protect tribes of displaced Native Americans and to become a trading center. In 1991, the Brunswick Board of Supervisors charged a committee with creating a park on the site; developing its historic, cultural and natural aspects is ongoing. Features include a three-and-a-half acre pentagonal fort area with a wheelchair-accessible walking trail and informational signage. Enhancing a trail from the fort to the Meherrin River is part of the plan to continue developing this unique site. About 100 yards long, it follows a gentle slope then angles more steeply to the rocks at the river. The Virginia Tourism Office has designated this as a potential canoe dock. The trail, which leads to a terrace for viewing the river, will be made wheelchair accessible. Rustic-style steps will make the slope more navigable. Railing and benches will be installed, as well as informational signage on how Native Americans and fort personnel used the trail. Landscape cloth and crusher run rock will be used entirely and labels will identify native flowers and trees. Funds from the Common Wealth Award would support enhancing a trail from the fort to the Meherrin River as part of the plan to continue developing this unique site.



This section of the Meherrin River is located adjacent to the Fort Christanna historical site and will be where the new trail ends at the river. Photo by Bobby Connor.

JILL'S GARDEN—UNION MISSION WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER, NORFOLK Harborfront Garden Club, Norfolk

Women and families are the fastest growing homeless demographic in the nation. The Union Mission's Women and Children's Shelter of Hampton Roads provides a beacon of hope for these women and their children, offering food, clothing, shelter, education, rehabilitation, and job and life skills training. The shelter, housed in a renovated office building in an industrial park that is part of the Elizabeth River Watershed, wanted an outdoor sanctuary to provide spiritual and emotional renewal, particularly for single women who feel—and historically have been—ignored. In partnership with The Union Mission, Harborfront Garden Club created a garden with paved seating areas, native plants and trees, flowers for adorning the dining area and herbs for use in the kitchen. Club members have donated gardening tools, books and plants from their own gardens. This space helps create a sense of community and normalcy for residents, providing therapy, physical activity and tranquility. Funds provided by the Common Wealth Award will provide the resources to install an irrigation system, ensuring that Jill's Garden will offer, for years to come, a place of beauty and peace for all who reside, work and visit this outstanding facility serving homeless women and their children in Hampton Roads.





Meandering paths through colorful beds and borders offer an immersive experience and benches provide spots for relaxation and reflection in Jill's Garden. Photo by Casey Rice.



GCV Conservation Forum Facts:

What: The GCV 63rd Annual Conservation Forum *Birds: Feathers, Fields, Forests & Flowers*

When: Monday, October 25, 9:00 a.m. - noon

Where: Live Zoom webinar (link will be provided upon registration)

Registration (opens September 8) available at www.gcvirginia.org

We invite GCV members and the general public to join us

Fee is \$15, free for students

Why *Birds?* :

We've lost more than a quarter of our birdlife since 1970.

Of the nearly 3 billion birds lost, 90% came from just 12 bird families, including sparrows, warblers, finches, and swallows. These common, widespread species play influential roles in ecosystems. If they're in trouble, the wider web of life, including us, is in trouble, too.

Who: All “rare birds” in their field:

Feathers: Jennifer Ackerman, author, *The Genius of Birds*

Fields: Dr. Amy Johnson, Program Director, Virginia Working Landscapes Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute

Forests: Dr. Christine Sheppard, Director, Glass Collisions Program American Bird Conservancy

Flowers: Stephen Living, Habitat Education Coordinator, VA Department of Wildlife Resources

GCV Conservation Award winners will be recognized

Bird Photographs: Bill Portlock, GCV Dugdale Award recipient, Senior Educator, Chesapeake Bay Foundation (retired)

Please register for this event and join us!

Forrest Moore and Barbara Walsh
Conservation Forum Co-Chairs



THE GARDEN CLUB *of* AMERICA





All club members in Zone VII are invited to attend the virtual zone meeting hosted by The Garden Club of Norfolk. "The Pearl of the Chesapeake Bay" is the theme of the meeting which will focus on water and environmental concerns.

The meeting will start on **Monday, September 20th at 5:30 p.m. EST** with the "Oyster Oscars." This very special awards ceremony will feature presentations to awardees across the zone. Be sure to join the virtual ceremony to celebrate these worthy recipients.

The business meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 21st** with a **9:30 a.m. EST morning session and a 1:00 p.m. EST afternoon session**, each featuring speakers from the Norfolk area who are experts on water and environmental policy. Presidents and zone representatives will also make presentations. This meeting, which is open to all Zone VII club members, free of charge, is a wonderful way to learn more about the GCA and all that is happening across our great zone.

We look forward to seeing you then!

All club members from Zone VII are invited to attend this year's Zone VII Meeting at no cost.



The Garden Club of America invites you to join us for the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference. We will travel the United States and discover the joys of growing a garden and

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Wednesday, September 22, 2021

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. EST – morning session

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. EST - afternoon session

Thursday, September 23, 2021

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. EST – morning session

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. EST – afternoon session

We will explore four very distinct botanic gardens, tour very special private gardens, learn from horticulture demonstrations, listen to experts in horticulture, and share horticulture tips and secrets. Our goal is to nurture your knowledge and love of gardening.

This will be a fun, educational, and entertaining conference that you will not want to miss!

Registration for the virtual conference is free and open to all GCA club members!*

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)



Final thought...



Share your Nuts!

Here's your chance to share all those acorns and nuts collecting under your favorite nut tree. The Virginia Department of Forestry is seeking 12 different species of nuts and acorns to be used to produce next year's crop of hardwood seedlings for Virginia's forestlands. The species they are looking for are: black oak, black walnut, Chinese chestnut, chestnut oak, live oak, northern red oak, swamp chestnut oak, swamp white oak, white oak and willow oak.

Place the nuts in a breathable sack or bag-no plastic! Minimize debris in the bag (e.g. leaves, sticks gravel). Label the bag with the name of the species and the date of collection. Contributions are due October 15.

Once the nuts are collected, place in a cool area like your fridge or basement until they can be dropped off at a VDOF office. The closest office to RVA is in Bowling Green, 138 Courthouse Lane. 804-633-6992. I will be happy to deliver these collections on October 11 if you drop them off at my house (4228 Kingcrest Parkway) by October 10.

You can find more detailed information at

https://dof.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/FT0011-Seeking-Acorns-and-Seeds_pub.pdf

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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