

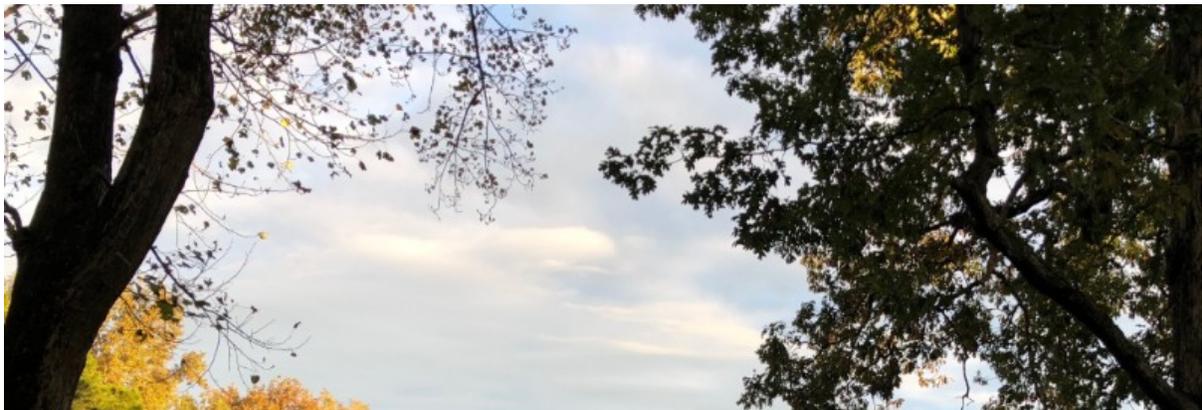
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THE TUCKAHOE NEWS



November 2018





The different colors in autumnal tree leaves are caused by changes in the pigments in the leaves. When the weather changes, some trees break down all the green pigment called chlorophyll. The remaining pigments - the beautiful yellows, oranges, and reds - come through in the fall.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Gardener's Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks for a bounty of people:

For children who are our second planting, and though they grow like weeds and the wind too soon blows them away, may they forgive us our cultivation and fondly remember where their roots are;

For generous friends with hearts and smiles as bright as their blossoms;

For feisty friends as tart as apples;

For continuous friends, who, like scallions and cucumbers, keep reminding us that we've had them;

For crotchety friends, as sour as rhubarb and as indestructible;

For handsome friends, who are as gorgeous as eggplants and as elegant as a row of corn, and the other, plain as potatoes and as good for you;

For funny friends, who are as silly as Brussels Sprouts and as amusing as Jerusalem Artichokes, and serious friends, as complex as cauliflowers and as intricate as onions;

For friends as unpretentious as cabbages, as subtle as summer squash, as persistent as parsley, as delightful as dill, as endless as zucchini, and who, like parsnips, can be counted on to see you through the winter;

For old friends, nodding like sunflowers in the evening-time, and young friends coming on as fast as radishes;

For loving friends, who wind around us like tendrils and hold us, despite our blights, wilts and witherings;

And finally, for those friends now gone, like gardens past that have been harvested, and who fed us in their times that we might have life thereafter;

For all these we give thanks.

Reverend Max Coots 1928-2009

Pause a minute. Deep breath. Quiet. Reflect a minute on these words. Let's all be thankful for the sunflowers in our club, for the parsnips, for our eggplants, for our brussels sprouts, for the cabbages, and all our flowers and vegetables who enrich our club, sustain us, make us laugh and warm our hearts.

Happy Thanksgiving Tuckahoe Garden Club! This will be our last newsletter (except for a very short one in December) until January. Looking forward to our November meeting and our December workshop, sale and party!

Oxox Betty

Betty Jenkins

President, The Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton



TGC NEWS & INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 14th TUCKAHOE GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Hostesses: Peyton Wells*, Kathy Watson, Sue Thompson, and hostesses from James River Garden Club

Place: Kent-Valentine House, 12 East Franklin Street (23219)

Time: 10:00 am

Program: Joint Meeting with James River Garden Club with a Short Business Meeting. Presentation of the Native Habitat Restoration Project (GCA 'Partners 4 Plants' Initiative) by Botanist, Chris Senfield and Invasive Task Force Member, Meg Turner.

No exhibits this meeting.

No horticulture this meeting.

Please attend our November meeting to learn more about our collaborative effort with our friends at James River Garden Club to clear invasives from Chapel Island . We are investing a lot of manpower hours and dollars to this GCA project and we need you all there to learn how each of us can contribute. Please carpool.

At 10:15 a.m. that day, the voting for our new members will close. Because of confidentiality concerns, we will not announce our new members at the meeting as we normally do. An announcement will be emailed to all members immediately following the close of the voting process, followed by phone calls to the new members.

And following the meeting, go straight to the Sara Campbell store on Libbie Avenue to shop and spend to benefit HGW. There will be a 20% off discount if you mention HGW, of which 10% will do directly to HGW.

Betty



apparel and Sara
Campbell will
donate 10% to
Historic Garden
Week, PLUS you
save 10%.

Wednesday,
November 14
10 to 6
306 Libbie Avenue



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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Overnight raindrops glisten on the pendulous, autumnal blooms of *Muhlenbergia capillaris* or pink muhly grass.

Treasurer Update

A late fee will be assessed for all members who have not paid their dues by December 1st. Many thanks to those members who have already paid.

Please contact Bonnie Cricchi, Treasurer, with any questions bonniecricchi@gmail.com.

Membership Update

Online voting for new club members has begun and votes will be counted until 6:00 a.m. on the morning of the 14th!

In accordance with our by-laws, we will have a few paper ballots at the November 14th meeting in case you were not able to vote electronically. Any paper votes need to be handed in by 10:15 a.m. that morning in order to be counted as a valid vote. As a reminder, only those members who are active will be able to vote on new membership.

On Wednesday November 14th we will be voting to fill our 6 active spots for membership. There are 5 candidates proposed for 6 slots. All members should have received an email

on Monday Nov. 5th with a link to our new website and detailed information on how to vote. This process will be very user-friendly and will enable us to tally votes quickly and efficiently. We thank you in advance for using our new online system and for voting before the Nov. 14th. meeting.

Thank you so much for helping us implement this new system and for casting your vote for our 5 wonderful new nominees. As always feel free to contact us with any questions.

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Janie Pinney jppinney@gmail.com 804-356-0727

October Meeting Follow-Up





At our October meeting, Peyton lead 30+ of us lucky gals in a workshop of botanical arts, her craft of which she is the queen. The two hours we were there together flew by. Unconnected from phones, internet, demands of the day, errands and other interruptions, we immersed ourselves in learning how to make a bird's nest from an acorn, bird eggs from peppercorns and bird wings and a beak from a dried tree bud. We applied spray paint and nail polish to embellish them into an art form we were eager to take home and display. Many of them award worthy! Thank you Peyton for this amazing and fun learning experience.

Betty

Holiday Workshop & Sale

HO, HO, HO!

The Christmas workshop and sale are just a few weeks away!

Thanks to everyone who signed up for the workshop, ordered greens and food.

We are still taking casserole and ham biscuit orders until November 15th and pound cake orders until Thanksgiving. Please email me your food orders, tgcs shelley@gmail.com, and send a check to me at 307 Lock Lane, 23226. Family, friends, neighbors, teachers, etc. would love to receive one of these tasty goodies and remember, all can be frozen. All proceeds support community garden projects. So ladies, let's keep the orders coming!

Please remember to bring your contribution to the sale. Each year our talented members bring something to sell whether it be a favorite homemade chocolate sauce, handmade Christmas tree ornament, personally painted piece of artwork or a special find at a garden shop.

We hope everyone will be able to attend! Betsy Fauntleroy is kindly opening her home for all of us to enjoy shopping, grazing and friendships. Remember, our new members will be attending this meeting and we want everyone to be there to meet them.

Many thanks and we look forward to seeing everyone on December 4th for the workshop (if you signed up for it) and December 5th for the sale!

Betsy's address is 755 Merry Go Round Road Manakin-Sabot,VA 23103.

From Your Friendly Workshop and Sale Crew: Shelley, Beth, Macon, Karen, Betsy and Katherine

TGC Trip - Summer 2019

Garden Trip to Newport — Interest List

Have the glorious gardens of Newport, Rhode Island been on your bucket list? Join Tuckahoe Garden Club's Martha Moore and JRGC's Madeline Mayhood for a June 2109 trip to see the famed Blue Garden, the Newport Flower Show, and tours of seldom seen private gardens courtesy of the Visiting Gardens Committee of the Garden Club of America. Tentatively the trip will be June 19-22, 2019. Martha and Madeline are currently working out details — transportation, hotels, meals, tours, etc. This tour is open to garden club members from both clubs and space is limited.

If you'd like to get on the interest list, email Martha at mooretj3@me.com and Kathy Watson at krwatson12@gmail.com to be added to our list.





The Blue Garden, recently restored to its early-20th century glory, is a featured tour of the trip. The landscape was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. for Harriet Parsons James who had a penchant for blue. “Come see the garden in June,” suggests executive director Sarah Vance. “It’s when the bluest of blue delphinium and bachelor buttons make the gardens so spectacular.”





Capital Trees Workday!

We all have enjoyed the lovely garden along the Capital Trail between Great Shiplock Park and the flood wall. We have planted bulbs there and helped clean up for several years. Capital Trees is having another work day and they'd love our help!

Join Capital Trees and a host of volunteers on Saturday, November 17 for coffee, hot chocolate, donuts...and yes...a bit of garden clean up-pulling weeds, pruning a few shrubs and a chance to learn more about the plants and trees that make this place so beautiful. Make new friends and help them care for this community landscape that we helped create.

Bring your own clippers and a pair of work gloves! If not, they will have some for you to use.

Saturday, November 17

10 am to noon

Along the Low Line/Capital Trail west of Great Shiplock Park, along Dock Street at 22nd Street.

For more information: 804-788-6450 or info@capitaltrees.org

The Story of TGC

In 1950, the Tuckahoe Garden Club of Westhampton won the coveted Massie Medal, awarded by the Garden Club of Virginia for distinguished achievement. The citation read, "To the Tuckahoe Garden Club for their success in converting a small city lot into a beautiful and dignified setting for the John Marshall House."

The home of the "Great Chief Justice" located at 818 East Marshall Street in downtown

The home of the "Great Chief Justice," located at 670 East Marshall Street in downtown Richmond, is now a historic house museum and a National Historic Landmark. John Marshall built the house in 1790 in the historic Court End neighborhood and lived there for 45 years until his death. The house remained in the Marshall family until 1907 when it was sold to the city of Richmond. In 1911, the property was placed in the care of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities [APVA], now Preservation Virginia in an effort to save it from demolition.

By 1947, the house and grounds were in desperate need of attention. The property had lost its original beauty and the grounds were in poor condition. The Tuckahoe Garden Club and the APVA had been close allies and undertook their greatest challenge to date. For two years, the John Marshall Committee, headed by Mrs. Pryor Lipscomb and Mrs. Paul Miller, worked to restore the original charm and beauty of the gardens and grounds. The Tuckahoe Garden Club was recognized by the Garden Club of Virginia for the significant contribution of restoring the grounds of this historic property.

Macon Willingham

*Betty needs humorous stories about our club to submit to GCV for the 2020 Centennial. GCV has asked each club to submit two funny GCV related stories (these will be anonymous) to be shared during the 2020 Centennial Celebration. Not only will these stories be fun to share with GCV but they will be fun to add to our archives! **Please share your short story with Macon Willingham (macon.willingham@verizon.net) by November 18.***





BOXWOOD BLIGHT IN RICHMOND

Unfortunately I have discovered often fatal boxwood blight on one English boxwood on the grounds at Agecroft Hall. I took samples and the pathogen confirmed by T. Michael Likins the Director of the Chesterfield County Cooperative Extension and the Davey Tree Lab out of Ohio. We began treatment of the fungus with Daconil on Monday, October 29th, the only recommend treatment at this time. I have heard from our arborist, Alec Selz that boxwood blight was discovered several months ago on Virginia Ave. Please pass this information to the garden club.

The implications of this are severe. Mr. Likins suggested to me that the boxwood blight's devastation will be comparable to the chestnut blight of the previous century and the worst case scenario is Windsor Farms without any boxwood. It is difficult to control this disease due to the sticky nature of spores and vectors like deer which can carry the spores for miles. As always clean your tools with an alcohol or bleach solution.

As temperatures and humidity falls the disease's spread will slow down. But I think it is important to have this on everyone in the garden club's radar for next season.

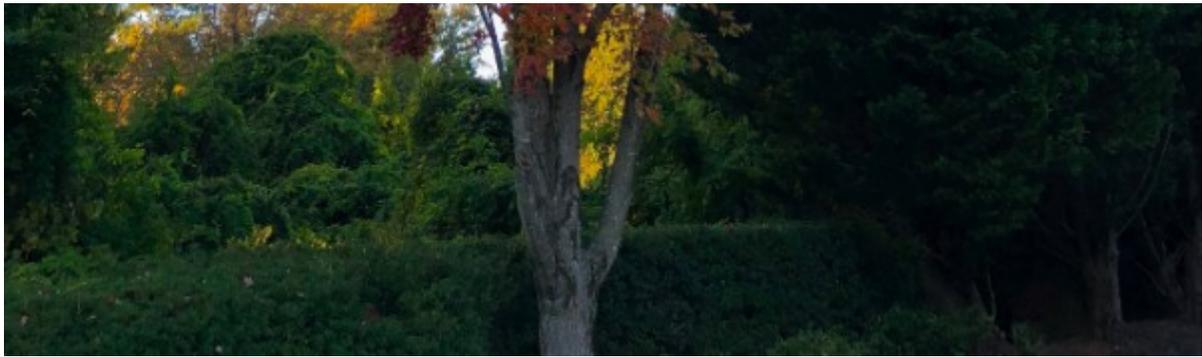
Please feel free to contact me if you or anyone in the garden club have any questions.

Kindest regards,

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Even the moon admires the glorious color of the *Acer rubrum* or red maple in the fall.

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GCV CONSERVATION FORUM
2019

We (and many other members) attended the 60th Conservation Forum in Charlottesville and heard from many knowledgeable speakers regarding the negative impact pesticides have and continue to have on our environment. We left feeling quite overwhelmed and distressed but remembered that **knowledge is power and we can each make a difference.**

Highlights from the meeting:

Rick Felker: The importance of soil and growing conditions on health

He and his wife own and operate Mettawoman Creek Farm which is an organic farm on the Eastern Shore.

Everything starts with the soil and the following are practices they incorporate regularly:

*cover crops

*crop rotation: by rotating, it balances nutrient load (and confuses bugs)

*bio-diversity: always be sure something is in bloom 12 months/year

He left us with an important question:

“Do I choose to eat food that promotes my health as well as the environment?” Doing the best and right thing are not the easiest but the rewards are worth it!

Russ Britton: Innovative practices and latest advancements in sustainable green spaces including biostimulants and reduced watering needs.

In 2013, he partnered with singer Justin Timberlake, owner of eco-driven Mirimichi Golf course, to develop products and landscaping practices that align with being good stewards of the land. He is working on a large scale to educate and create systems of farming practices that are biological, renewable and non-polluting.

Pete Myers: The dangers of Pesticides – even in low doses – to the health of wildlife and people.

Dr. Myers discussed Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals (EDC) i.e. Pesticides, Herbicides, Fungicides, Insecticides and their role in disease. He noted that genes are turned on and off all the time and that factors influencing gene expression are not only hereditary but also environmental. Exposure to low doses matter a lot! He highlighted the fact that

also environmental exposure to new active materials. He highlighted the fact that testing methods are flawed and outdated (for example they test only active ingredients and are more focused on “high doses”).

Good news is that Medical groups are now on board, consumers are demanding safer materials and we have the science to help Chemists make them.

Rick Fell: Importance of pollinators and the threats they are facing.

The decline of pollinators is really a decline of insects! Insects play a key role in this system (back to bio-diversity and planting things that bloom all year long). Did you know 30-35% of the food we eat is dependent on insect pollinated plants?

Dr. Fell shared great information about the decline of the Honey Bee as well as the decline of Wild Bees (we have approximately 485 species here in Virginia).

In summary he focused on what to do to protect the pollinators:

- Encourage use of IPPM practices (Integrated Pest and Pollinator Management Practices)
- Increase proportion of natural habitat in landscapes
- Encourage use of sustainable farming (and on a smaller level, sustainable yards).

Take away thoughts:

“Lead by Example”

“Think in terms of Ecosystem-think broadly”

This is the perfect segue for GCA’s Conservation Committee’s #1 Focus: Great Healthy Backyard.

Please, take a moment to click this link to read a relevant and interesting article from the GCA website on the healthy backyard!

https://www.gcamerica.org/index.cfm/members:main.getprotectedfile?common/file/Scholars_Scholarships/NewAmericanLawnOct2017.pdf

Bee in the Know,

Sue Thompson and Abbie Wharton



GCV HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK 2019

Please make sure to mark your calendars for this year's upcoming Historic Garden Week Tours. There will be tours on Thursday, May 2 in Westhampton, Governor's Mansion and at the Kent-Valentine House. The tour on Friday, May 3 will be in Manakin-Sabot. Remember, all active members are expected to either hostess or arrange flowers on these dates. Sustainers, we always need your help; reserve these dates to help if you can.

Look for more information to come from Anne Poarch and Mary Kathryn Woodward!

Westhampton Tour Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew G. Spitzer (Julee and Drew)
5407 Cary Street Road Richmond, VA 23226

Mr. and Mrs. John Molster (Janie and John) 6004 York Road Richmond, VA
23226

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey W. Lamb (Anne and Jeffrey)
6317 Three Chopt Road Richmond, VA 23226

Mr. and Mrs. Hiter Harris (Jill and Hiter)
6315 Three Chopt Road Richmond, VA 23226

Mrs. Kim Gottwald 6410 Three Chopt Road Richmond, VA 23226

Goochland Tour Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. Billy Coogan

115 Ben Dover Lane Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fauntleroy (Betsy and Bobby)

755 Merry Go Round Road Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong Forman (Carol Lynn and Armstrong) 900 Sabot Ridge Lane Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103

Mr. and Mrs. John Van Der Hyde (Sarah and John)

849 Sabot Hill Road Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103

Mr. and Mrs. David Williams (Marnie and David)

799 Sabot Hill Road Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103

You should have received an email asking for your preferences for volunteering during HGW.

We will be collecting your HGW volunteer Request Forms at the November 14th meeting. Please be sure to fill it out and bring it to the meeting where Anne Poarch and Mary Kathryn will collect them. As a reference, here is a copy of this form, sent to all club members:

**TUCKAHOE GARDEN CLUB
2019 HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK REQUEST FORM
2019 Richmond Tour Dates:
Wednesday, May 1 – Friday, May 3**

NAME: _____

ARE you a member of Historic Richmond? Yes _____ No _____

New Members (elected 2018-2019) select 2 shifts, one as arranger and the other as hostess.

Please note: This year, if we are unable to fill all needed positions, remaining positions will be selected from our membership alphabetically. Each subsequent year, the volunteer chairs will fill second shifts at the alphabetical position following the volunteers from the previous year.

I PREFER TO: (choose one)

1. **Arrange Flowers** (choose date below)

- Tuesday, April 30
 Wednesday, May 1
 Thursday, May 2

2. **Hostess** (choose date and shift below)

- Hostess Thursday, May 2
 AM shift 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
 PM shift 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, or
 Hostess Friday, May 3
 AM shift 9:30am - 1:30pm
 PM shift 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

3. **Shuttle bus** Friday, May 3 (limited number of volunteers needed. Please list an alternative choice if the bus is your first choice.)

- AM shift 9:30 am-1:30 pm
 PM shift 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

4. **Ticket Sales** (limited number of volunteers needed. Please list an alternative choice if ticket sales is your first choice.)

- Thursday, May 2
 AM shift 9:30 am-1:30 pm
 PM shift 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

- Friday, May 3
 AM shift 9:30 am-1:30 pm
 PM shift 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: We will attempt to honor all requests, but we cannot promise.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL A HARD COPY OF THIS FORM TO:

Mary Kathryn Woodward, 308 Roslyn Road, RVA 23226 by NOVEMBER 15 or hand-deliver it at the NOVEMBER 14 MEMBERSHIP MEETING. NO EMAIL REQUESTS ARE ACCEPTED.

We will do our best to accommodate all requests! Thank you in advance! If we do not receive your completed form you will be placed where needed.

~Anne Poarch 564.2568 and Mary Kathryn Woodward 350.4731



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Centennial

1920-2020

[Save the date: May 13 – 14, 2020 - Founders Day Celebrations in Richmond, VA. Stay tuned for an official Centennial Kickoff date to be announced soon.](#)

There will be a whole year of Centennial based GCV events with a grand finale at the Founders Day Celebrations.





Callicarpa americana or beautyberry, is a native shrub with an open form that thrives in full sun here in Virginia. It is valued for its spectacular purple fruit which lasts well into early winter.



THE GARDEN CLUB *of* AMERICA

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Sue Thompson planned and executed a wonderful GCA Zone VII flower show judging workshop along with Zone VI this week. Our club was represented well with Ruth Cunningham, Meredith Lauter, and Peyton Wells in the artistic judging workshop and Martha Moore and Sue in the horticulture judging workshop .

These workshops serve as continuing education for GCA judges and take place every two years. Sue, along with Marion DeGroff, invited several speakers from within GCA to present to us. We all got to know the Zone VI ladies who were so hospitable and friendly; they rolled out the red carpet!

These judging workshops are one of the many benefits of association in GCA. Hats off to Sue for providing such a successful educational program for our judges. Thanks Sue for all of your hard work!!

Martha Moore

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Make sure to join in and get the scoop!

VISITING GCA GARDENS

Visiting Beautiful Gardens: A Fabulous Benefit of Membership in GCA

Did you know that one of the benefits of belonging to GCA is that they offer outstanding trips in the U.S. and abroad? These carefully planned trips are designed to educate members about garden history and design, horticulture, and the environment. Several of our members have participated in some of GCA's trips and have said they are *fabulous*.

To learn more about this amazing opportunity, use this link: <https://www.gcamerica.org/members/visiting-gardens>. Take a look at the trips planned in the next year:

- Washington DC
- Bavaria and Austria
- Scotland
- Normandy and France
- Maine
- India

Traveling soon and interested in visiting club members' gardens? Find details on how to arrange member-to-member visits, as well as club visits, by clicking the same link above. These are such wonderful opportunities our GCA membership affords us. Think of this when planning your next trip. Martha Moore is coordinating a summer trip to Newport, RI for our club - the Newport article is under TGC section of this newsletter - and GCA membership guarantees us exclusive access to many Newport gardens. Likewise, much of our Palm Beach trip last fall was coordinated through the benefits of the GCA Visiting Gardens. A fabulous opportunity for members to take advantage of!

Any questions you have concerning Visiting Gardens or trip suggestions may be sent to: visitinggardens@gcamerica.org.

April Greenwood

Sneak Preview

Visit Austria and Bavaria with GCA - Summer 2019 (photo below)

Rolling hills with the Sound of Music, Mozart's birthplace, The Vienna Boys Choir, Bavaria's palaces, lush gardens, and wonderful memories are just

"A few of my favorite things" to be discovered on this exciting trip next summer. More details can be found on the GCA web site.



2019 Shirley Meneice Conference

Speaking of GCA trips....

Those of us who have attended prior Shirley Meneice Conferences have all said how fabulous the meeting is....and it is indeed now that I have experienced one! If you are interested in going in 2019, please let me know. The next meeting is September 11-13 at the Denver Botanical Gardens. Let me know if you are interested and I'll start a list. Registration begins usually in June or early July and fills up VERY quickly.

Betty



Tell us what you think about this newsletter format and content! Email Jill Mountcastle jbmountcastle@mac.com with any comments, questions or concerns.

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