

## Tuckahoe Garden Club Monthly Board Reports March 2024

Dear Officers and Standing Committee Members,  
Please submit your monthly report to the Board in the Google form below. Keep in mind your report should be concise- sharing essential information, dates, links to further information and any action items that should be highlighted- and presented in a bullet-format if possible. If you have no report for the month, please note "NO REPORT". Thank you all!

### OFFICERS

**First VP/**Ellen Buoyer

Founders Fund Award - I submitted our club vote for Green Space Becomes Caring Space: Church Health Community Garden proposed by Memphis Garden Club.

Kelly and I are working on the job placements for members this Thursday. Stay tuned!

**Second VP/Database /** Rita Ryan - No Report

**Recording Secretary/** Penny Peebles

\*Approval of January 2024 Board Meeting minutes

**Communications Director/** Betsy Carney

Communications meeting March 5th, will update the board in April or before so if needed. Paperless Post meeting invitations seem to be working well. The additional reminder the week before the VMFA meeting helped boost responses.

**Treasurer/** Kathy Watson

AS of 2/26 our balances are as follows:

BOA checking \$27,628.40

BOA savings \$37,249.11

Davenport Endowment \$110,023.46



## STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Communications: Newsletter & Website/** Stephanie Lansing & Lisa Burlee

Please send all newsletter submissions to Kelly and Stephanie ([stephanielansing@gmail.com](mailto:stephanielansing@gmail.com)) by March 3 for March 6 newsletter.

**Community Projects and Long Range plans/** Freddie Gray, Betsy Fautleroy, Christina McCoy and Jessica King

Freddie has begun communication with Anne Poarch and Shelley Barrick Parsons at Capital Trees to be advisors on our planting/purchasing/maintenance/placements etc of 100 white oaks for our centennial project. Cap Trees is looking for projects just like ours to offer their expertise, and with Freddie as a Cap Trees Board member and Anne Poarch as their new Director of Development, we're excited to further explore exciting partnerships on this project.

Christina is in touch with Caritas for sprucing up their outdoor area for spring!

**Conservation/** Linda Hanson and Fran McDermott

Submitted the vote to GCV on behalf of TGC for the Bessie Bocock Carter Conservation award to Gabriella Garden club in Danville to preserve an urban space.

**Virginia Conservation Lobby Days - January 30 & 31, 2024**

Ellen Buoyer, Fran McDermott, & Cabell West represented TGC at Virginia's General Assembly Session. We met with State Senator Lamont Bagby and Luke Sweeney, legislative aide to House Representative Betsy B. Carr, to ask for their support on key GCV recommended environmental bills, such as tree conservation during land development, funds for forest sustainability, invasive species management, and monitoring & reporting of PFAs (toxic "forever" chemicals) by manufacturers.

**Finance**/Kathy Watson and Ellen Buoyer

Finance committee will present the proposed budget for 2024-2025 at the Board meeting on 2/28 for Board approval. In addition we are proposing a \$25 Assessment on dues for Actives and Sustainers in order to raise funds for our upcoming GCA and GCV meetings. We will host the GCV Annual meeting in 2028 as well as our Centennial Celebration. We will host the GCA Zone 7 meeting in 2030. The registration fees for these meetings do not begin to cover the total cost of hosting these meetings. Many long time members will remember the assessments we had for our last meetings. We currently have \$13,000+ in our reserves for these future meetings, but need to start preparing more aggressively and hope to keep the assessment at this level going forward if at all possible.

**Governance**/ Katherine Salt and Lynn Jacobs

**Gifts**/ Preston Lee

**Gifts Proposal for 2024-25 were presented and approved after a few edits and will be presented with the budget at the March meeting.**

**Fundraising**/ Chandler Klevana, Lisa Brennan & Cynthia Ferrell

- Pre-sale form to be released about March 13.
- If you have any pretty outdoor pots you no longer have a use for, Suzanne Duncan is collecting them to plant for the sale. - Cynthia

## **Membership/ Jennifer Sisk**

### **Discussion on Proposed changes to Membership By-Laws:**

- Allow Executive Committee Members, excluding the President, to propose or endorse one candidate each year.
- An Active member may Propose one member or Endorse one member, but not both in the same year. Working on with ByLaws to present new language in March meeting.
- Remove the age (65 years) at which members may transition to Sustainer. Keep language "15 years or at the discretion of the Board"
- Reminder that Change in Membership Status is due March 31st. Our Sustainer List will be presented at the April Board meeting and, per our ByLaws, the Board determines the positions/transition of those on that list -taking into account date requested and participation over their 15+ years of membership, A current list of Membership Status and change requests will be presented at the April 3 Board meeting.
- Additionally, the Membership Committee would like to suggest a very thorough and continued review of the complete Membership Section of the ByLaws next year. There continue to be some discrepancies that should be addressed.

### **Flower Hour:**

The Membership Committee met and developed the following parameters around Flower Hour:

- \*The group will remain legacy members only at this point.
- \*Members of TGC will be billed for their FH participant in September for the year.
- \*A letter to all the FH members will be sent in September outlining the volunteer opportunities/commitment, dates and programming
- \*We are adding one volunteer shift opportunity (HGW or Spring Sale or other)for each of the FH ladies.
- \*FH ladies are being invited to join(and pay at their own expense) the Kent Russell event at Kelly's.
- \*Membership will create a budget for FH for next year and submit.
- \*Our May event date at Tuckahoe Plantation is confirmed for May 8. Invitations will be sent and a huge thanks to Sue for working with us on Gardening 101!

**Programs/ Martha Moore**

We look forward to having Liz Wozencraft and Sara Ledbetter from The Garden Club of Houston for our March program. Liz and Sara are both GCA Artistic judges and will share some basic information on the basic principles of design and have a 15 minute power point, followed by a demonstration of 5 arrangements. Liz is the chairman in 2025 of the *Fluorescence* Flower Show in Houston. Liz is forward thinking and I think we will see some contemporary and some new, fun ideas for our future arranging. Sara is also a talent and will share with us a mantle design and a table design, probably something we can use for Historic Garden Week in April. They are so nice to come to Richmond to do this program. This is one of the many benefits of association that the GCA offers us! Thanks to Peyton Wells and Meredith Lauter who are helping us prep the flowers for the demonstration and also helping Liz and Sara get ready for the program.

Tickets are on sale NOW for our April special event, a fun talk on “Eye Candy in the Garden” With Kent Russell. Tickets are \$40 and cover his fees and light wine and cheese refreshments. This talk will be from 5-7 immediately following our Spring Sale pickup. Rain plan is to hold the event in Kelly’s barn. Please talk this up with your friends and buy your tickets NOW. We will open up to other clubs around March 15th and want to make sure our members have first dibs. Capacity is limited to 120 people. This is a great event to bring someone interested in joining TGC in the future, or a neighbor or friend who loves learning about plants and gardening. Kent will sell his special plants at the end of his talk.

**Sustainer rep/ Tricia Sauer**

No Report

**Garden Club of America/ Liz Carden**

Garden Club of America Annual Meeting April 26-28 Beyond the Green in Hartford, Connecticut. Cara Rogers is our club delegate . Scarves for sale on GCA Website under read watch shop.

Virtual Roundtables: Exploring the GCA website February 29th, 2024, Website Educational Block, March 14, 2024

Newport Flower Show - non GCA Major show, good for those interested to attend June 21-23, 2024

Visiting Garden Trip May 7-17, 2025 to Morocco, Add your name on interest list to sign up to get more information.

**Garden Club of Virginia/Meredith Lauter**

“Dancing with Daffodils” on March 27, 2024, at Virginia Wesleyan University in Virginia Beach

Calling for Tuckahoe GC club history 1995-2020 to be included in GCV Follow the Green Arrow III. Contact Nina Mustard and visit [history.gevirginia.org](http://history.gevirginia.org).

Cultivating Conversations: How to Enter Horticulture in a Flower Show - Monday, Feb. 26 at 5 p.m., via Zoom.



Historic Garden Week tickets on sale Feb 20 at [www.gevirginia.org](http://www.gevirginia.org)

Awards: March 1, 2024, Award Nominations Deadlines for:

- Commonwealth Award - community projects of conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation and/or education
- The Horticulture Award of Merit - GCV member with significant accomplishments in horticulture, both personally and in their communities
- The de Lacy Gray Conservation Medal - GCV member or member club in furthering the knowledge of our natural resources as well as encouraging their wise use

GCV spirit ware/wear:

Hat or visor \$25 - Vest \$80 - [www.gevirginia.org](http://www.gevirginia.org) or at Kent Valentine House



**Nominating/** Betty Jenkins:  
No report