

**Tuckahoe Garden Club Monthly Board Reports
OCTOBER 2023**

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

TGC along with the other three GCV clubs won the Common Wealth Award this year!
Woo hoo and kudos to RoseMarie for spearheading this effort.

Second VP/Database / Rita Ryan - Green Books have been available at our first two meetings. Any that have not been picked up will be delivered or mailed within the next two weeks.

Recording Secretary/ Penny Peebles

Communications Director/ Betsy Carney

Meeting Evites seem to be working well, helping with attendance tracking - curious for feedback from the board.

Treasurer/ Kathy Watson

The majority of dues have been paid but there are still a significant number that have not been paid. I will be sending out reminders by email in the next day or two.

The new hospitality system seems to be working well. The refreshments at our September meeting were wonderful and came in 'under budget'. \$44 was returned to TGC from the head hostess. I have not yet seen receipts and figures from our meeting last week which was lovely as well.

The bulb workshop with Brent Heath was quite successful. It filled up and after all money has been collected we should come out ahead which is great news.

Rentals and especially delivery and pickup have become quite expensive. When possible, and particularly inside, we should try to use the black chairs that were used at Tuckahoe last week. Kudos to the person/s that picked them up and returned them. That saved us more than the cost of renting the chairs. Every little bit we save helps us to keep our budget in check.

Current balances as of 10/23:

Checking 32,445.40

Savings 35,749.90

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Communications: Newsletter & Website/ Stephanie Lansing & Lisa Burlee

November newsletter information due to stephanielansing@gmail.com by 11/1 for 11/8 distribution! Thank you!

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

At our October meeting, the Club voted in favor of pledging \$7500 to the Virginia War Memorial's Gold Star Garden where 5 3.5" caliper white oaks will be planted. Our dollars will be matched by supporting Foundations. This is a fabulous kick off to our plan for 100 White Oaks to be planted in and around Richmond over the next 10 years for our Centennial!

Barrie and Christina planting at Caritas this Thursday 10/26

Pointsettas are on the Xmas sale order form and we hope to make an announcement at the next meeting to make sure folks know they can order those and donate to Anna Julia Cooper.

Conservation/ Linda Hanson and Fran McDermott

Reminder: Conservation Pop-up Night, 7pm, November 14, at Ellen Buoyer's home. Please RSVP to FBMCDER@aol.com or lmhrva@gmail.com

Finance/Kathy Watson and Ellen Buoyer

Governance/ Katherine Salt and Lynn Jacobs

We should have a draft of new language related to Election of Officers for the Constitution and By-Laws

Gifts/ Preston Lee

Fundraising/ Chandler Klevana, Lisa Brennan & Cynthia Ferrell

Online orders for Holiday sale starting to be submitted. Deadline is November 1. A reminder will be sent out this week. An invitation to the sale and party will be sent out in a few weeks.

Membership/ Jennifer Sisk

- We will present a slate of new member proposals to the board for approval at the board meeting on Wednesday. The candidates are:

Kellie Eberdt Hilb, Jennifer Rector, Terrell Harrigan, Eliza Hickey Heyward, Frances Owen Coleman, Karen Berson, Mary Mason Foukal, Beverly Randolph Campbell.

Please read through each of these proposals prior to the meeting.

- We hosted a very fun and successful Flower Hour last week. About 25 young women attended and Melinda and Christina led the group through BEAUTIFUL lessons in flower arranging, demonstrating great design basics with lovely plant material. Each woman left with an inspired arrangement!
- Our committee will be working to further refine the by-laws language around membership so as to clarify questions that continue to arise specifically related to our new member proposal process.

Programs/ Martha Moore

Kathleen Gagan is our November speaker "Peonies in the Landscape". Jennifer Sisk is putting Kathleen up the night before the dinner and we will have a small dinner for her with Madeline Mayhood and Tenley Beazley from James River. We will do an AV test on Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 pm at the Virginia War Memorial. Kathleen will have peony roots to sell before and after the program. Look for some special tree peonies!

Thanks for everyone's support of the workshop at Tuckahoe following the great Dahlia talk with Molly Adams. We can all agree that Brent Heath is an entertainer. Please give Kathy Watson a check for \$45 if you have not paid yet for the workshop and you attended. Thanks to Sue Thompson for all of the help and support for the speakers and for having the meeting and workshop at Tuckahoe! It was a treat. Sue would like to offer a garden walk and talk through for new members sometime that works in the spring.

Sustainer rep/ Tricia Sauer

Sustainer/New Member lunch is Thursday, October 26th at Kelly's

Garden Club of America/ Liz Carden

Virtual upcoming offerings from GCA:

1- Virtual Roundtable "Managing Clubs Archives" Tuesday October 17th

2-Garden History and Design Virtual Conference entitled "Visionary" Thursday November 16th

3-"Talking about Club Finances" November 2, 2023

4- "Finance Mechanics for Garden Clubs/ Managing a Non Profit Garden Club" December 7, 2023

Sign up online on GCA website - Conferences and Events page or appropriate Committee page

Annual Report was included in Fall Bulletin. Also included envelope for Annual Fund. Please give even a small amount. Club participation important.

TGC listed for gift to the Scholarship Fund

Garden Club of Virginia/Meredith Lauter

Nominating/ Betty Jenkins:

No report