

Tuckahoe Garden Club

Fresh Cuts From Kelly

"Happiness? The color of it must be spring green." - Frances Mayes



We are so fortunate in Virginia to have the most beautiful spring in the nation! After a few years in California, I am always grateful for the emergence of spring green leaves along with tulip and daffodil bulbs. Yet, Spring is a busy season for us gardeners. Amid the weeding and planting, we must take time to smell the roses - which is exactly what we did at the TGC Cocktail party! Many thanks to the McCoys and the hostesses of a wonderful night for TGC members and spouses. We have a host of activities coming in the next few weeks for members including our TGC Plant Sale, a visit from the Garden Guru, Kent Russell, and Historic Garden Week. We will end the year with our Annual Meeting on May 15th and a special event that evening at The Greenhouse II for our members. Many thanks to all of our members for making our Spring season "Simply the Best" as Tina Turner sings! ~Kelly

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HAND PICKED THIS MONTH

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

1 p.m. Spring Plant Sale

Home of Kelly Armstrong, 8701 River Road

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Candy in the Garden

8701 River Road

April 20-27, 2024

Historic Garden Week

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

9 a.m. Board Meeting

Home of Kelly Armstrong

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

11 a.m. Annual Meeting

Home of Anastasia SeEVERS

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Cocktails and Shopping

Greenhouse II

Budget & Gifts

We will vote on our proposed 2024-2025 Budget and Gifts at our meeting. Click here for [BUDGET PROPOSAL](#) and [GIFTS PROPOSAL](#). Please contact Preston Lee if you have any Gifts questions. The Finance Committee has completed the proposed budget for 2024-2025. The proposed budget was approved at the Board meeting on February 28th. Please address any questions to Kathy Watson or another member of the finance committee. The final budget will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in May.

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Save the date for
“THE GARDEN GURU”
 Kent Russell, Horticulturist from Bucks
 County, Philadelphia

“Candy in the Garden”
Ideas & inspiration to Create Drama in Any Garden Setting

Join Tuckahoe Garden Club for
 wine & cheese poolside*
 followed by a talk & special plant sale by Kent

Wednesday, April 17th
5:00- 7:00 pm
8701 River Road

Tickets sold online for \$40
 \$50 at event
 Tickets are limited



*Rain plan: The barn
 Outdoor event, parking & walking
 in grass, wear suitable attire and shoes

Calling all gardeners!! Spring is almost here! Save the date for our annual Spring Plant Sale **Wednesday, April 17 at 1 pm**. This year's sale is pre-order only with forms available mid-March. To up the fun and gardening know-how for all, in tandem we're hosting a fun **Gardening speaker, Kent Russell**, from Philadelphia from 5-7 pm. Known as the Garden Guru, his presentation, "**Eye Candy in the Garden**" should help us all tie our plant purchases into beautiful displays both in the vase and around our yard. Tickets are currently on sale on the website [HERE](#), and include wine and cheese by Kelly's beautiful pool! Bring a friend or daughter who may be later interested in joining the club. As a little candy dessert Kent will have a special plant sale of the ones he brings to share after his talk! Tickets are limited. \$40 now and \$50 at the door if any remain.

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Kent Russell, Horticulturist from Bucks County, Philadelphia



Kent Russell, listed as a preferred speaker by the Garden Club of America, is a perennial specialist who entertains and informs gardeners throughout the East Coast. Mr. Russell has had his hands in horticulture since he was 8 years old. At 19 he was hired by Renny Reynolds to establish Renny - The Perennial Farm, and has gone on to design and consult as well as host "The Garden Guru" on PBS.



Kent will assemble an array of specimen plants and offer a multitude of design ideas in this unique presentation. In addition to the abundant plant material, he will share stories about his recent gardening adventures!

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Membership



Thank you to Karen Gilmore, Betsy Mitchell, Renee Gardner and Lisa Brennan for leading our horticulture and artistic workshop for new members at the beautiful barn of Maria Reed!



Historic Garden Week

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Historic Garden week is right around the corner! This year Garden week will be April 20-27th. TGC is responsible for filling many volunteer slots for flower arrangers, hostesses, transportation and hospitality. The HGW 2024 hostess and flower arranging sign up genius is below. Remember, each member is required to sign up for at least one shift. Please feel free to sign up for more than one, we have a lot of shifts to fill this year! Head hostess and flower arrangers have already been assigned. If you do not sign up, we will assign you a shift. Please remember, if you have a conflict with your assignment, you are responsible for switching with another member or finding a substitute. If you have any questions or make a switch, please contact Melinda Smith 804-564-4230 or Catherine Driscoll 804-833-4949. HGW proceeds fund the restoration and preservation of Virginia's historic public gardens around the state. It is going to be a very special week after so many months of planning! Sign ups are due by March 15th. Click [HERE](#) for Sign up.

Garden Club of Virginia

Congratulations to all of the TGC members who participated in Daffodil Day!

Horticulture Exhibits:

April Greenwood- Blue ribbon for "Geranium," White ribbon for "Rip Van Winkle," White Ribbon for "Avalanche"

Kelly Armstrong- Red ribbon for "Tahiti"

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RoseMarie Bundy- Blue ribbon for "Sir Winston Churchill"

There were about 2,000 specimens , so the competition was stiff!

Artistic Exhibits:

Cara Rogers and Jennifer Rector- Daffodil Show Award- Honorable Mention for Individual-Partner "Twist and Shout"

Renee Gardner and RoseMarie Bundy- Red Ribbon for Class "Two to Tango," Daffodil Show Award- Red Ribbon for Individual-Partner "Two to Tango," Daffodil Show Award- The Mentor Award for Mentor/Novice Team- "Two to Tango"

There were 30 Artistic Exhibits so we did well!



Cara Rogers & Jennifer Rector "Twist and Shout"

Garden Club of America

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States across America, including the District of Columbia, have designated April as Native Plant Month, thanks to the efforts of The Garden Club of America's member clubs and collaborating organizations.

Go Native!

Why celebrate native plants? They are a fragrant and tasty invitation into our gardens for birds, butterflies, moths, bees, and animals. Natives are at the center of the living landscape. Over thousands of years, they have formed complex and interdependent relationships with native creatures, providing them with food and shelter. Most of the food we eat depends on pollinators.

Love Your Native Plants – Love Your Dirt!

Each region enjoys unique seasonal changes—flowers in the spring, sunny summers, color in the fall, snow-covered landscapes. Natives in each region have adapted so well to these changes that they do not require fertilizer or pesticides, which can pollute our rivers and our soil. In healthy soil, natives above the ground are partners to the microorganisms under the ground; natives trap carbon and clean the air we breathe.

Clean Water is Vital!

The root system of natives reduces runoff during heavy rains, filters water, protects wetlands, and sequesters carbon. These are the gifts we receive when we plant natives—gifts also received by the fish in rivers and streams.

Keeping It Native!

We can reduce the problem of invasive plants when we plant natives. Invasives have been introduced from around the world and can expand beyond our gardens and into the wild. Invasives smother trees and disrupt native plant communities, creating a "green desert" for insects and birds.

We probably already have native plants in our gardens. To find out more, check the lists of natives (and invasives) on your state's Native Plant Society website at <https://theplantnative.com/resources/native-plant-societies>.

How to Celebrate Native Plant Month!

Plant native plants! When we plant natives, we can delight in the colors of the seasons in the garden. We can create a healthy environment for birds and butterflies, and we can ensure biodiversity which sustains whole ecosystems—all in our own backyards!

*Perennial Garden Club, Washington, DC, Zone VI
Member, The Garden Club of America*

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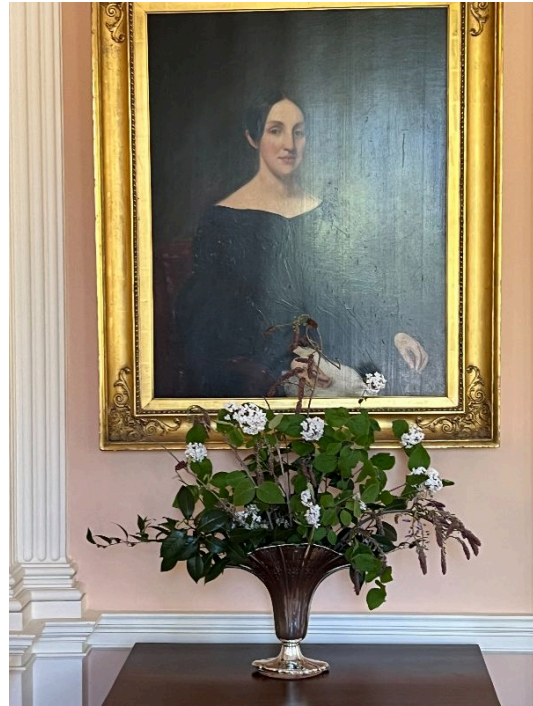
Thank You

Thank you to our wonderful team of ladies (Julia Rose Borden, Anne Kempe, Helen Pinckney, Renee Gardner, and Betsy Mitchell) who did the March flowers for Kent Valentine House.

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Interested to learn more about Roses?

On May 18th, join Poplar Forest and Kaye Moomaw, owner of Irvington Spring Farm and caretaker of the three oval beds of roses restored to Jefferson's original design in 2021, as she discusses the history and proper care of roses. Talks offered at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. In addition to the talks, see Kaye care for the rose beds at the north side of the house and take home your own piece of history. Propagated selections of historic plants from Poplar Forest will be available for sale in the