

Tuckahoe Garden Club

Fresh Cuts From Kelly

As we enter the whirl of the spring season, let us savor these last slower days of winter before the garden chores beckon. In my quiet time I am ordering seeds and planning for dazzling garden blooms. I am also starting a notebook of gardening successes and failures, as each year there are so many! A few favorite seeds that I will plant this spring are Benary's Giant Zinnias, Tithonia (or Mexican Sunflower) for attracting Monarchs and Zebra Tailed Butterflies, and I am going to try seeded Dahlia's from Floret Farm. Some will work, and others will not, but as Amy Grant sings in her song "Trees" we will be "praying for rain and pulling up weeds, planting trees we'll never see; Statues fall and glory fades, but a hundred-year-old tree still gives shade." ~Kelly

HAND PICKED THIS MONTH

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

10 a.m. "The State of the James River Park System"

with Giles Garrison and Chris Freike

VMFA, 200 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd, Claiborne Robertson Room, 3rd Floor

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

9 a.m. Board Meeting

Home of Kelly Armstrong

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

10 a.m. Membership Meeting

St. Stephen's Church

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Thursday, April 4, 2024

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Cocktail Party

Home of Christina and Tim McCoy, 4310 Cambridge Road

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

1 p.m. Spring Plant Sale

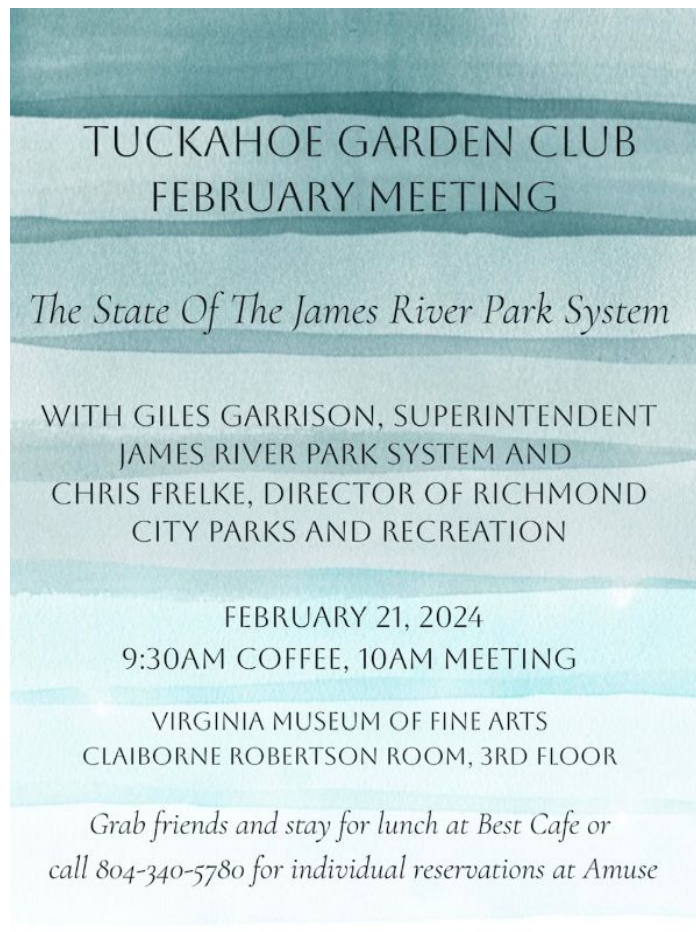
Home of Kelly Armstrong, 8701 River Road

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

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

8701 River Road

Upcoming Program



February 21, 2024 (Wednesday)

Program: "The State of the James River Park System" - Giles Garrison and Chris Freike

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Hostesses: Lisa Brennan, Suzanne Duncan*, Barrie Edlich

Please respond to the program invite that you received via email by Tuesday, February 13.

Photography Exhibits (only):

Class I - Follow your Feet. Submit a photograph of a woodland trail that makes you want to follow.

Class II - Spring's Promise. Submit a photograph showcasing emerging growth such as hellebores, crocus, or other early bloomer.

Class III - Winter Wonderland. Submit a photograph of a winter landscape; snow, ice, frost, it's your choice!

The VMFA is providing complimentary access to the current special exhibition, [Dawoud Bey: Elegy](#). VIP passes will be available for members to pick up that day. VIP passes make it possible to visit the exhibition without reserving a timed ticket or waiting in line. Passes may be used during your visit on February 21 or at your convenience, any time before the exhibition closes on Sunday, February 25.

Grab friends and stay for lunch at Best Cafe or call 804-340-5780 for individual reservations at Amuse.

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Click [HERE](#) to download the slides from Brie's wonderful presentation!

Spring Plant Sale & Speaker

A flyer for an event titled "THE GARDEN GURU" by Kent Russell, a horticulturist from Bucks County, Philadelphia. The event is called "Candy in the Garden" and offers ideas and inspiration for creating drama in any garden setting. It is part of a wine and cheese poolside event followed by a talk and special plant sale by Kent. The event is on Wednesday, April 17th, from 5:00-7:00 pm at 8701 River Road. Tickets are \$40 online and \$50 at the event, and are limited. A QR code is provided for more information. A rain plan is noted: "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

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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.

“THE GARDEN GURU”

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!

Garden Club of Virginia

GCV offering [Cultivating Conversations](#) “How to Enter Horticulture at a Flower Show” on Feb 26th, Registration. Free. 5-6 p.m.

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Dear GCV Members,

It's time to register for "Dancing with Daffodils"! Please join us on March 27, 2024, at Virginia Wesleyan University in Virginia Beach.

[Artistic Design, Horticulture and Photography Schedules and Online Registration](#)

[We need volunteers! Click here for details to sign up and join the fun!](#)

Debbie Lewis
President, Garden Club of Virginia

Debbie Bonnewell
Chairman, Daffodil Day 2024

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Garden Club of America

Each year GCA awards a \$30,000 grant to an exceptional community project proposed by GCA club. Two runners-up receive \$10,000 each. The GCA Civic Improvement Committee narrows the proposals down to three finalists, and our job as a club is to vote for one winner. We will vote on this at the upcoming membership meeting on February 21. Please review the three finalists below. If you would like more detailed information about the nominated projects, consult the GCA Winter 2024 Bulletin in print or [HERE](#).

Founders Fund 2024 Nominees:

Replanting Indigenous and Historic Northeastern Species to Create an Edible Plant Learning Center at The Jay Estate. Proposed by The Little Garden Club of Rye, NY of Zone III

The project will implement a custom design by GCA honorary member Larry Weaner for planting of a 2.7 acre area that will restore edible indigenous and historic northeastern plant species to create an Edible Plant Learning Center. The new native classroom will conduct outdoor lessons that will emphasize the important role of citizen scientists and build awareness of growing threats to biodiversity from invasive monocultures, terrestrial

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**Conserving Natives! The Restoration of an Orchid Learning Center. Proposed by The Garden Club of Palm Beach, Zone VIII**

Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, part of Florida Atlantic University, is among the oldest nature centers in America. The objective of the project is to create the Pine Jog Orchid Learning Center, the hub of which will be a re-creation of the original slat house that once stood on the property and housed hundreds of native orchids and plants. Urban development in Florida decimated the native orchids, and the Learning Center will further the goal of restoring the orchids to their native habitat and to teach about the importance of conservation and environmental responsibility.

Founders Fund 2024 Nominees:**Green Space Becomes Caring Space: Church Health Community Garden. Proposed by Memphis Garden Club, Zone IX**

The Memphis Garden Club project is designed to enrich the existing Church Health Community Garden by constructing a multipurpose pavilion. Church Health is a faith-based non-profit health care institution with a campus in the Crosstown area of Memphis. The pavilion will serve as a focal point for communal gardening, produce-sharing and social events with the goal of strengthening bonds within the neighborhood and encouraging healthy activities.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Anne Poarch for her new role at Capital Trees!



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In the News

Capital Trees Hires Director of Advancement

January 22, 2024

We're thrilled to introduce Anne Poarch, the first Director of Advancement for Capital Trees, who joined our team in January 2024. Read her bio below to get to know Anne, her background, and how nature and the outdoors have been a through line for her for decades.

Thank you to Anastasia Seever's for hosting the New Member Orientation and sharing her delicious Flapjacks recipe.

British Flapjacks
From Bon Appetit

- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, cut into 8 pieces
- ½ cup (packed) light brown sugar
- ¼ cup golden syrup*
- 2 1/3 cup quick cooking oats (not instant or old fashioned)
- pinch of salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter (I spray Pam with butter) 8x8 metal baking pan. Combine first 3 ingredients in heavy medium saucepan. Stir constantly over medium-low heat until butter melts, sugar dissolves and mixture is smooth. Remove from

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(edges will be darker) about 22 minutes. Do not overbake or they will be too hard. (you want them chewy.) Cool in pan for 10 minutes. Cut into 4 squares, cut each square into 4 triangles (mixture will be soft.) Cool completely in pan before serving (it will harden.) Use spatula to remove from pan. YUM! *I used Lyle's Golden Syrup from Martins. You can also use King's Golden Syrup. Makes 16

Proposed Changes to TGC Bylaws:

Below are revisions to the TGC Bylaws that were approved by the TGC Board and will be voted on in our February meeting. Please read these changes thoroughly and be prepared to vote at our February 21st meeting. Click [HERE](#) for pdf.

The changes include:

1. Election of the new officer slate by the Board (not the full Membership) by Nov 10th, and presented to the Membership at the December meeting (from our March meeting). This procedure is our current practice, and has been for some time, but it is not accurately reflected in our ByLaws.
2. Active members will have the opportunity to recommend to the Nominating committee members for a Board Officer position in advance of the slate presentation and vote by the Board.

Member Support

Missing a meeting? Please mail Penny Peebles at penpeebles@aol.com before the meeting.

Have a great picture for the newsletter or website? Send to Caroline Marvel at carolinemarvel@gmail.com

Need to send an email to the Membership? Send a draft to Betsy Carney at betscarney@gmail.com and Kelly Armstrong at kellyarm@me.com

Your address, email or phone number changed? Send changes to Betsy Carney at betscarney@gmail.com