

Tuckahoe Garden Club Monthly Board Reports
JANUARY 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

<p>First VP/Ellen Buoyer Meeting with Finance Committee on January 17 to begin budget process.</p>
<p>Second VP/Database / Rita Ryan - New members have been added to the GCA and GCV websites. No other updates.</p>
<p>Recording Secretary/ Penny Peebles approval of Board meeting minutes for 10/25/23</p>
<p>Communications Director/ Betsy Carney No report</p>
<p>Treasurer/ Kathy Watson Filed for an extension for fiscal 22/23 taxes. I was behind due to extenuating circumstances! Should be filing very soon. Finance committee will meet Wednesday, January 17 to tie up loose ends from last year and begin the budgeting process for fiscal 23/24. We do not have a final figure yet for the Christmas Sale but the profit will be roughly 2600. We are waiting on one commission check and one bill for the poinsettias.</p>

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Communications: Newsletter & Website/ Stephanie Lansing & Lisa Burlee

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

Christina replanted the outdoor pots at Caritas in November - the women were so appreciative.

The teachers at Anna Julia received 27 poinsettias for holiday desk decorations and were so happy to take them home at break.

Conservation/ Linda Hanson and Fran McDermott

Fran will attend Va General Assembly Water Lobby Day Jan 30. Ellen Buoyer will attend Conservation Lobby Day Jan 31.

Finance/Kathy Watson and Ellen Buoyer

FinanceCommittee will meet on WEdnesday, January 17 to begin budget process.

Governance/ Katherine Salt and Lynn Jacobs

Finalizing some changes to By-laws and reconciling old changes as they appear on the website to make sure the website is accurate and up-to-date.

Gifts/ Preston Lee

Fundraising/ Chandler Klevana, Lisa Brennan & Cynthia Ferrell

Spring Sale - coming in 3 months! -CF

We had blue skies and sun for the wreath making workshop. It was so fun to see everyone's creations and how every wreath turned out so beautifully different. We definitely have some talented members in our club! Several of the new members attended as well. It was wonderful to spend time getting to know each of them. Cynthia Ferrell was the hostess for the workshop and provided coffee and delicious cranberry bars.

The holiday party and sale held the following day was well attended. Lots of yummy food was brought and shared by club members. We enjoyed champagne and a delicious light lunch prepared by hostess committee, Julia Borden Rose, Libbie Robertson, Meredith Lauder and Kay Pengraze.

Over \$2500 was raised at the sale through raffle tickets purchased, preordered greens and CookPicnic Food, bakesale and other vendors. Members donated money to provide 22 poinsettias to Anna Julia Cooper. Thank you to the committee, Lisa Brennan, Chandler Klevana, Meredith Arrendale, Chris Shands, Jeanine Hinson, Mary Horton, Megan Matthews, Renee Montague, Shelly Wiltshire for all their hard work in making the workshop and sale a success!



Membership/ Jennifer Sisk

- We will be welcoming our 6 new members into TGC on Tuesday with an orientation at Anastasia's.
- The deadline for request of membership status is March 31, 2024. We have received three requests to date.
- The Membership Committee will be meeting and coordinating with the By-Laws committee over the next few weeks to review current by-laws as they relate to Membership and create recommended updates for the Board and full membership approval.

Programs/ Martha Moore

In January at LGBG January 17, 2024

Brie Arthur, Author and Horticulturist, is coming from North Carolina to speak to our 4 Club meeting on “A New Era of Foodscaping” and will get us all excited about adding some new elements to our gardens. Thanks to Kelly for hosting Brie and having a dinner for her at her home Tuesday night. Coffee at 9:30, program at 10:00 am. We welcome GCV President Debbie Lewis .

February 21, 2024 we will have **Giles Garrison** and **Josh Stutz** do a program for us at the VMFA In the Robertson Room on the third floor on “The State of the James River Park System” . There is so much happening at this time around the river and we all need to get educated! This 10:00 meeting will be followed by a luncheon at Amuse in the private room afterwards .

March 20, 2024 will be a great floral design program with GCA members **Liz Wozencraft** and **Sara Ledbetter** from Houston. Liz is one of the cochairs for the Florescence Flower Show in Houston in 2025. She is known for her creative designs and fresh teaching style, so you will not want to miss this at 10:00 am at St. Stephens.

April 17th, 2024. **Kent Russell** “Candy in the Garden - Ideas and Inspiration to create drama in any Garden setting”

We will have had postcards on seats in the Joint meeting to promote our April special event. Kent has worked with Renny Reynolds to establish Renny- The Perennial Farm, and has gone on to design and consult as well as a host on “The Garden Guru” on PBS. Tickets will be \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. Wine and light hors D’oevres will be served.

We expect this event to sell out at around 125 people, so please purchase your tickets early if you would like to attend. We hope to have our members who want to come sign up early and some of our Flower Hour gals, so please help spread the word. Kent will have plants for sale at the end of his talk. There is an active link to signup on the public page of our website. Thanks to Caroline Marvel for her wonderful designs for our publicity! Also thanks to Lisa Burlee for setting up our invitation/ publicity and QR code on our landing page!!!

Sustainer rep/ Tricia Sauer

No report

Garden Club of America/ Liz Carden

Upcoming great workshops on GCA website for our members:

2024 GCA Photography Conference “Reimagine the World” Thursday January 25th

Registration open

2024 GCA Floral Design Conference “For the Love of Flowers” February 6, 2024 Registration open

2024 GCA Virtual Advocacy Workshop Thursday March 14th , Registration open

2024 National Affairs and Legislation Conference March 17-20 Registration open

2024 GCA Annual Meeting Hartford Conn. “Beyond the Green” - scarves for sale now online under read watch shop

Garden Club of Virginia/Meredith Lauter

Legislative Days, January 30-31, 2024 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 815 East Grace St, Richmond, VA - 7:45 am - 2:00 pm



Daffodil Day Flower Show - March 27, 2024, at Virginia Wesleyan University in Virginia Beach. Details on GCV website January 15, 2024.

Conservation - *Gentiana saponaria* - More than half of the dozen or so perennial gentian species that are native to Virginia feature flowers that never open. This phenomenon is surmised to be a pollination strategy, though it is not fully understood. A robust bumblebee can nudge the petals open at the top of the bud to struggle inside and a carpenter bee can nibble a hole at the bottom of the bud to purloin nectar without transferring any pollen. Both serve as examples of one of nature’s perfect workarounds as the holes also provide entry for beetles and other insects.

Cultivating Conversations - Photography: “Unraveling the Mystery of Entering a Photography Show,” Monday, Jan. 22 at 5 p.m., via Zoom

GCV Award Nominations due March 1, 2024

Common Wealth Award ~ Horticulture Award of Merit ~ De Lacy Gray Conservation Medal

Nominating/ Betty Jenkins:
No report