

The Garden Club of Virginia exists to celebrate the beauty of the land, to conserve the gifts of nature and to challenge future generations to build on this heritage.

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Celebrating and preserving the natural beauty of our commonwealth are at the heart of all we do.

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lease join me as we celebrate the Garden Club of Virginia's accomplishments. We can be proud of our successes as they lead to future promise.

With our 2020 Centennial approaching, we have begun to focus not only on our historical impact, but also on programs that allow new generations of members to carry forth our mission. The strength of our founding mission has served us well and will shape our future.



... an environmentally sound Virginia, where beauty and historical significance in the landscape abound.

Our members have spent the past year supporting community landscape projects, initiatives to control invasive species, therapeutic and educational youth gardens, wildflower sanctuary plant rescue efforts, and projects to restore and protect Virginia's watersheds and viewsheds.

The Garden Club of Virginia's challenge to future generations has resulted in pollinator research, invasive aquatic species field work, and a focused effort to reward conservation educators.

Historic Garden Week in Virginia, founded on our mission to protect historic landscapes, continues to support ongoing partnerships with 40 active restoration sites. It allows us to offer research fellowships that build upon our extensive library of measured drawings and historical documentation, most recently at Berkeley and Westover Plantations. And it supports our five-year Centennial 2020 project to provide grants to Virginia State Parks. Ten individual parks, many with support from member clubs, received funding in the past year. Seventeen parks received supplies for the Youth Conservation Corps residential summer program.

The Garden Club of Virginia is thriving and communities are better because of our work. Our dedicated members believe in our mission and will continue to lead us down the garden path ... the Garden Club of Virginia path!

Nina Mustard

Nina Mustard President 2016-2018

GCV Centennial Project: Grants Awarded to State Parks

Subtle Fall Colors,

By William Thomas

First Landing State Park

\$129,41 in the past year:

- Belle Isle
- Fairy Stone

The following Virginia

State Parks received

grants totaling

- Leesylvania
 Mason Neck
- Middle Peninsula
- Natural Bridge
- Pocahontas
- Sky Meadows
- Smith Mountain Lake
- Staunton River

 Also financial support was given to the Youth Conservation Corps for various projects.

Enhancements in the parks listed above include pollinator and native plant gardens, discovery areas, a redesigned entry with hardscaping, equipment for educational programming, as well as new exhibit areas and the restoration of the grounds of a historic home. Garden clubs working with Virginia State Parks managers have creatively and successfully joined forces to extend a shared mission; encouraging an appreciation of nature.

This Centennial Project, supporting Virginia State Parks, is made possible by proceeds from Historic Garden Week. The Garden Club of Virginia was an important sponsor advocating for the establishment of state parks and it is with a reflection to our past that we have embraced this renewed association.



From Left: Becky Farrar (Martinsville), Assistant Fairy Stone State Park Manager Andrew Philpott, GCV District 4 Director at Large Kris Carbone (Danville), GCV Corresponding Secretary Sue Rosser (Martinsville) and her dog "Bogie," Stuart Webster (President, Garden Study), Brenda Sebra (Danville) and Fairy Stone State Park Manager John Groom.

Executive Director

Another great year is a part of our Garden Club of Virginia history! Looking backward can be awkward, except when you are able to revisit the good times you had with GCV friends. The Year in Review celebrates the yearlong endeavors of committees, recaps some wonderful programs and shows colorful pictures of GCV members having fun. Highlighting the community involvement of the member clubs throughout the year also



shines the light on local projects and further honors the GCV volunteer spirit.

For the GCV leadership, accountable for answering the question "how did we fulfill our mission?," the Year in Review is an opportunity to take a more serious look at what we accomplished this year. The Year in Review is a pictorial annual report to the membership visually showing what we did to answer that question.

Last year, I encouraged you to attend as many events and programs as possible. I hope you did. Isn't it fun to look back over the year? Did you have a favorite program? Do you attend Horticulture Field Day every year? Never miss Flower Arranging School? Enjoy reminiscing!

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Lynn McCashin Executive Director

GCV Centennial

The GCV Centennial in 2020 is fast approaching. It is a unique opportunity both to celebrate the many accomplishments of the GCV and its member clubs and to share the story of our mission and values with the world. What would Virginia look like without our work? Why do conservation, restoration and beautification matter in Virginia now and in the future? The Centennial Committee has been at work, and in 2020 we will share our story with others (and have a party too!). Save the date May 13, 2020!



Sky Meadows -Track Trails and Discovery area, proposed by the Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club

Treasurer's Report



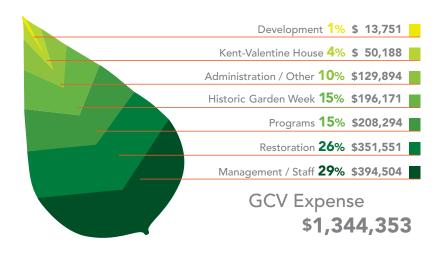
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The Garden Club of Virginia operates on a fiscal year that began July 1, 2016, and ended on June 30, 2017. The budget for the fiscal year was presented by the Treasurer to the Board of Directors for a vote of approval and then to the membership at the May 2016 GCV Annual Meeting. Our operating income for the year exceeded the budget by 13%, while expenses came in 14% below budget.

The revenue from Historic Garden Week is one of the largest sources of income each year for GCV. The related expenses are netted out from this income, and the remaining funds are used to support our restoration projects around the commonwealth. In addition, the Garden Club of Virginia will be celebrating our centennial in 2020 and we have allocated \$100,000 per year for the next five years (2015-2020) from our Historic Garden Week proceeds to partner with Virginia State Parks on projects that fall within our mission and the state parks' mission: conservation, beautification, horticulture, preservation and/or education. During fiscal year 2016-2017, donations were made to Virginia State Parks Youth Conservation Corps and to the following Virginia State Parks: Belle Isle, Fairy Stone, Leesylvania, Mason Neck, Middle Peninsula, Natural Bridge, Pocahontas, Sky Meadows, Smith Mountain Lake and Staunton River.



The other primary sources of funding GCV's work are membership dues, the annual fund, sponsorships and donations. Any shortfalls are funded by a draw of up to 5% from our endowment fund.



The expenses for GCV include maintaining our headquarters, management/staff salaries, insurance, funding of our restoration/centennial projects, development expenses and the cost of our yearly audit. To communicate with our membership, we maintain our website and publish the Journal quarterly. The 2016-2017 budget included contributions toward our annual fall and spring meetings and three flower shows. We budget to break even on our schools, forums and workshops.

Our assets of approximately \$8.7 million include the Kent-Valentine House property, our cash accounts and investment portfolio. At the end of June 2017, the GCV investment portfolio was valued at more than \$6.6 million, which is approximately 75% of GCV's total assets. Our financial records are audited annually, and we receive a clean opinion. As a 501(c)(3) organization, our Federal Form 990 is filed each year and is available for public review.

The Garden Club of Virginia is in a strong financial position for members to continue the work of our mission throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Betsy B. Waitherpta

Betsy Worthington, Treasurer

Garden Club of Virginia Public Events

Sept. 26-27, 2017 **2017 Fall Symposium** Oct. 27, 2017 59th Conservation Forum "Fracking in Virginia – From All Perspectives"

March 28, 2018

GCV I Daffodil Day

April 21-28, 2018

Historic Garden Week in Virginia June 13, 2018

Growing and Showing Lilies

Massie Medal for Distinguished Achievement



Massie Medal recipient Deedy Bumgardner (Augusta, fourth from left) and her family.

Dorothy (Deedy) Holden Bumgardner, a member of the Augusta Garden Club since 1979, received the 2017 Massie Medal for Distinguished Achievement. Deedy is recognized by her club as a born leader whose sound judgment, dedication and sense of humor have been a blessing to all who know her. Deedy's wisdom and grace have provided guidance for her club and its community projects, and her years of service as president, Restoration Committee chairman and numerous other positions have enriched GCV's mission throughout the commonwealth.

Common Wealth Award



The Common Wealth Award was established in May 1979 to provide annual grants to the community projects of the Garden Club of Virginia's member clubs. Hillside Garden Club's project, The Academy Center of the Arts' Tree Garden, received the 2016 award. This worthy project enhances a historic theater, a gathering place for the community, which will be surrounded by beautiful trees and landscaping.

de Lacy Gray Memorial Medal for Conservation

Heidi James, of the Lynchburg Garden Club, received the 2017 de Lacy Gray Award for Conservation. Chief among Heidi's accomplishments is the removal of a derelict iron bridge from the James River.



Heidi James (Lynchburg) with husband, Blitz, and son, John.

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Heidi is a past president of the Lynchburg Garden Club, and was the Garden Club of Virginia's historian. She wrote a history of the GCV's Conservation and Beautification Committee and researched and wrote about the Tradescant window, the GCV's gift of a stained glass window to Oxford University.

Elizabeth Cabell Dugdale Award

The 2016 Elizabeth Cabell Dugdale Award for meritorious achievement in conservation was presented to William (Bill) Portlock, senior educator for the bay, with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. He was honored for his life's work in natural resource conservation, education and research. Bill has spent his life teaching, researching, writing and consulting about, photographing, and modeling conservation at the local, state and national levels.



GCV Conservation and Beautification Committee Chairman Wendy Vaughn, (Princess Anne), Dugdale Award recipient Bill Portlock and GCV President Nina Mustard (Williamsburg).

Conservation

The Conservation and Beautification Committee continues to promote awareness and advocacy for the preservation and protection of the health and beauty of the environment in Virginia. In 2017, the Garden Club of Virginia updated its position opposing offshore oil and gas drilling in the Atlantic to include opposition to seismic oil and gas testing in the Atlantic. Our voices are heard at the state, local and federal level on the many issues of concern to GCV.

Conservation Forum

The 58th Conservation Forum, "Clean Energy: Exploring Wind and Solar," was held at the Paramount Theater in Charlottesville. A panel of speakers from government and industry presented the current status and the future of wind and solar power in Virginia.



Conservation Workshop

The 2016 Conservation Workshop was held in the General Assembly Building in September 2016, titled "It's All About the Issues: Be a GCV Advocate!" Club presidents, club conservation chairmen and general members learned about the conservation issues of concern to GCV. Speakers included many Virginia Conservation Network members and two state legislators. A surprise visit from Gov. Terry McAuliffe rounded out the event.



Gov. McAuliffe and Caroline Wood, Oceana Org, a speaker at the Conservation Workshop

Legislative Day

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Legislative Day, held in partnership with Virginia Conservation Network, included an issues review session online and meetings with legislators. The 2017 GCV Legislative Issues reflected our continued vigilance regarding the ban on uranium mining, advocating for state park funding, clean water and air, advocating for a plan for recurrent flooding adaptation and the preservation of the viewshed of the lower James River.

Conservation and Environmental Studies Fellowship

This is the third year for the Conservation and Environmental Studies Fellowship, begun in 2015. It supports research of flora, fauna or cultural practices that directly impact Virginia. The one-year fellowship provides a grant of \$5,000 for study and research at an accredited university in Virginia for an undergraduate or graduate student.



At the GCV Annual Meeting in Fredericksburg, Paul M. Lacy, an undergraduate student in Integrated Science and Technology at James Madison University, presented the findings from research project titled "Native and Invasive Aquatic Plant Species in Virginia Trout Water."

Kathryn LeCroy, a graduate student at the University of Virginia, has been chosen as our 2017 Conservation and Environmental Studies Fellow. Her project is "Evaluation of Bee Hotels as an Effective Conservation Tool for Spring-Emerging Mason Bees (genus Osmia) in the Commonwealth of Virginia."



Conservation Educator Award

The Conservation Educator Award, established in 2016, recognizes individuals or organizations whose work in an educational environment supports the mission of the Garden Club of Virginia and its conservation ideals. This recognition award will be given to individuals or organizations who create a learning environment which benefits the community. The first Conservation Educator Award was given to Molly Brown, co-founder of the Roots and Shoots Intergenerational Garden Program in Lexington, Va. The garden program teams senior citizen volunteers with elementary school students to plant and learn from the garden.





GCV's Historic Headquarters

Our beautiful historic headquarters has seen a steady increase in usage lately. Added meetings for strategic planning, Think Tank follow-ups, Centennial planning and events point to more activity and people coming to the KVH. Rentals are up as well, both for meetings by non-GCV entities and social events. Saving this building from certain demolition in the early 1970s has proven to be a smart strategy and good investment!



Private

Photo by Roger Foley

KVH Usage Number of Persons Attending:



Photo by Jay Paul

Restoration

The gardens and landscapes surrounding Virginia's historic properties are at the center of the Garden Club of Virginia's mission, giving purpose to much that we accomplish. Recent improvements to the front entrance of the Burwell-Morgan Mill in Winchester have provided a more welcoming space with increased functionality. Work in the garden at Onancock's Ker Place has included refurbished paths at the rear of the garden. Under the guidance of the Restoration Committee, 40 active properties around the commonwealth continue to show our impact on Virginia's landscape.



Oatlands, Leesburg



George Carter built Oatlands and its terraced gardens in the early 19th century. The Garden Club worked on one of the terraces to restore a brick-lined, crushed stone path to its iconic teahouse. Now visitors have another safe and attractive path to this popular garden destination.



Mary Washington House, Fredericksburg

In 1968 GCV undertook the garden project at the home of George Washington's mother. A new arbor, styled on the original design of Ralph Griswold, provides a cool, serene space to sit and enjoy the garden. New upright serviceberries were also planted to frame the entrance to the garden from the house.



Students from Virginia Commonwealth University worked with

Gov. and Mrs. McAuliffe on a conceptual plan for a walled garden off the kitchen to honor the enslaved people who worked there. Based on this plan, the GCV made a gift of the technical drawings necessary to bring the plan to life. The 2017 Rudy J. Favretti Fellowship at Berkeley Plantation was awarded to Kathleen Conti, who recently completed her masters in

historic preservation at the University of Texas at Austin. She is also pursuing a Ph.D. in architecture at U of T. Kathleen has an ABD Ph.D. in history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an M.A. in Russian and Eastern European Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her undergraduate work was completed at Randolph College (Lynchburg) with a B.A. in history.





The 2017 William D. Rieley Fellow at Westover Plantation was given to Krista Reimer. Krista is a third-year student of the masters of landscape design at the University of Pennsylvania. She received her undergraduate degree at the University of Manitoba, M.Sc. in mathematics, B.Sc. in mathematics.

The GCV Research Fellows' reports and site plans can be found online at gcvfellowships.org.

Restoration Workshop

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At the biennial restoration workshop, gardeners, horticulturists and maintenance staff from GCV's Historic Sites gathered at Kent-Valentine for a day of informative speakers, timely historic landscape topics, networking and camaraderie. Speakers' topics included seed saving, turfgrass maintenance and working with your GCV liaison.

Adam Thoroughgood House, Virginia Beach^{*} Bacon's Castle, Surry Belle Grove, Middletown **Belmont**, Fredericksburg **Bruton Parish Church**, Williamsburg Burwell-Morgan Mill, Millwood Centre Hill Mansion, Petersburg Christ Church-Lancaster, Irvington **Danville Museum of** Fine Arts and History. Danville **Executive Mansion** Capitol Square, Richmond **Fincastle Presbyterian** Church, Fincastle Grace Arents Garden, Richmond Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria Gunston Hall, Mason Neck **Historic Henry County** Courthouse, Martinsville **Portsmouth Arts &** Cultural Centre. Portsmouth Historic Smithfield.

Blacksburg

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Historic St. Luke's Church, Smithfield Hollins University, Roanoke John Handlev High School, Winchester Kenmore, Fredericksburg Kent-Valentine House. Richmond Ker Place, Onancock Lee Hall. Newport News Mary Washington House, Fredericksburg Mary Washington Monument. Fredericksburg Maymont, Richmond Monticello, Charlottesville Montpelier, **Montpelier Station** Moses Myers House, Norfolk Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon **Oatlands**. Leesburg Poe Museum, Richmond Point of Honor, Lynchburg Poplar Forest, Lynchburg **Prestwould Plantation**, Clarksville* **Scotchtown**, Beaverdam^{*} Smith's Fort Plantation. Surry

St. John's Mews, Richmond State Arboretum of Virginia, Blandy **Experimental Farm**, Boyce Stratford Hall, Stratford Sweet Briar College, Amherst University of Virginia, Charlottesville Washington and Lee University, Lexington Wilton, Richmond Woodlawn, Alexandria^{*} Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, Staunton Yeardley House, Jamestown * No Longer Under Contract

GCV 2020 Centennial Project Grantees

Belle Isle, Lancaster Fairy Stone, Stuart Leesylvania, Woodridge Mason Neck, I orton Middle Peninsula, Croaker Natural Bridge, Natural Bridge Pocahontas, Chesterfield Sky Meadows, Delaplane Smith Mountain Lake, Huddleston Staunton River,

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Historic Garden Week has three goals. As a fundraiser, it underwrites important restoration projects that beautify our landscape, supports our centennial project with Virginia State Parks and our landscape

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research fellowship program. As a public relations event, HGW promotes tourism, welcoming visitors to our beautiful state with gracious hospitality, and showcasing 30 different communities each spring. Finally, HGW is the only activity shared by every member of the Garden Club of Virginia annually. Camaraderie and friendship happen when smart women come together to make a difference. And what a difference we make.

HGW 2017 was attended by 24,413 visitors with net proceeds totaling \$565,355. We added to our publicity Hall of Fame with Garden & Gun including the GCV's signature event in its 10th anniversary list of

what every good Southerner should eat, drink and experience. The first tour to be hosted in Little Washington led to a feature in The Washington Post. We re-established our relationship with the Virginia Department of Transportation, resulting in much-needed help with directional signs. VDOT also created a map identifying all 204 featured properties. Bartlett Tree Experts sponsored this popular marketing tool and Virginia Living distributed it.

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Meg Clement (Three Chopt) completed her two-year term as state chairman of Historic Garden Week, passing the baton on to Stephie Broadwater (Nansemond River)











 8 2. Soggy weather effected 11 out of 30 tours in 2017, but did not dampen the spirits of our members or fans of this beloved springtime tradition. 3. More than 2,300 arrangements are created by GCV members especially for Historic Garden Week to decorate featured properties. 4. Betsy Casteen (Charlottesville), HGW State Director Karen Ellsworth and Deedy Bumgardner (Augusta) enjoyed the tour in Albemarle County. 5. Mayor Kenneth Cooper Alexander lead a parade in the Ghent neighborhood that kicked off the Norfolk tour.
 6. Record numbers lined up to tour the homes on Richmond's Monument Avenue, a National Historic Landmark District regarded as one of the most beautiful boulevards in America.

Horticulture

The focus on horticultural education is apparent in much of Garden Club of Virginia programming, whether it's a small workshop for members only, or a large public exhibit of specimen blooms. Peggy Cornett, curator of plants at Monticello, presented "Preserving Plants from the Past: Heirloom Flowers for Your Garden." Journal subscribers learned about the growing trend in urban organic food gardeners. Membership News readers began receiving growing tips and recommendations from the GCV Horticulture Committee, Member clubs studied native plants and root structures to prepare exhibits for the Board of Governors and Annual Meeting.

Annual Horticulture Exhibits

The Board of Governors meeting in Virginia Beach featured "A Walk in the Park," in recognition of the Garden Club of Virginia's role in establishing state parks in Virginia and our renewed support through our Centennial project. Planning the exhibits



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gave members the opportunity to explore and reconnect with nature at a nearby state park.

"Show Us Your Roots" was the exhibits' theme at the Annual Meeting in Fredericksburg. Members' imaginations ran wild, as they created exhibits featuring living plants with plainly visible roots.

Horticulture Field Day

Horticulture Field Day 2017, held in Gloucester and Mathews counties, featured five distinctly different and unique private gardens. The rural settings and expansive river views reflected the homeowners' interest in horticulture and preservation of the area's natural beauty and history. Brent and Becky's Bulbs provided a delightful venue where participants could shop, dine and stroll through the Chesapeake Bay Friendly Teaching Garden, featuring environmentally beneficial gardening techniques. The highlight of the afternoon activities was Brent Heath's entertaining talk and slide show, "The Hundred Years of Daffodils."



Above: Five Gables Below Left: Brent and Becky Heath Below Right: Dunham Massie



Horticulture Awards of Merit

The Garden Club of Virginia Horticulture Award of Merit was established in 1960 to recognize individual members of local clubs who have achieved significant accomplishments in horticulture, both personally and in their communities.

2017 Recipients:

Susan Upshur Brown The Garden Club of the Eastern Shore and The Virginia Beach Garden Club (non-resident)

DeLane W. Porter Dolley Madison Garden Club

Kay Spindle Shiflet The Virginia Beach Garden Club

Virginia Trinkle Vinyard The Mill Mountain Garden Club

Flower Shows

Flower Shows continue to evolve with interest in growing and showing stronger than ever. Daffodil, Lily and Rose Shows hosted by member clubs this year have provided familiar opportunities and displays of spectacular beauty. Plans for a new Fall Symposium are coming to fruition and include expanded horticulture and artistic design exhibits, Flower Arranging School, speakers, workshops, judging challenges and more. GCV Daffodil Day ideas have developed during the year, generating enthusiasm along the way as we consider new opportunities for the future.



Inter Club Award

The Annabel Josephs Inter Club Artistic Award was given to the Rappahannock Valley Garden Club of Fredericksburg.

Rappahannock Valley Garden Club's Moribana interpretation of Maria Gamundi's *Seine* at the 2017 Daffodil Show.

The Annual Flower Arranging School is an educational event meant to provide arrangers and non-arrangers with ideas and knowledge in flower arranging.

This year's speaker was one of our own, Meredith Lauter of the Harborfront Garden Club. Meredith is a very accomplished arranger and judge. Meredith spoke about how to make a creative arrangement, starting with a creative container.

Flower Arranging School



Rose Show

The Hampton Roads Garden Club sponsored the 2016 Annual Rose Show held at the Hampton Convention Center. "Romancing the Rose" was the show's theme. Pamela Powers was the big winner in horticulture taking the Gold Queen and Silver King Awards for her blooms 'Breath of Spring' and 'Joy.' Chatham Garden Club won the Quad Blue for their Creative Mass in the Courtship division.



1: Chatham Garden Club's Best Inter Club Arrangement, winner of the The Elizabeth Gwathmey Jeffress Bowl

3: Pamela Powers' "Randy Scott" won the Tri Color Award and Most Creative went to Shannah Cooper (Gloucester). **2:** Kate Muller's Creative Line Mass was the best arrangement by an individual.

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4: Rose Show Cochairmen Kim Cross and Becky Tench with the Hampton Roads Garden Club President Anne Harris, center.





Daffodil Show

Spring could not have come soon enough for the 108 horticulture exhibitors and 63 artistic exhibitors at the 2017 GCV Daffodil Show sponsored by the Huntington Garden Club at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. Peggy Bowditch (formerly of Gloucester) won the



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Horticulture Sweepstakes. Dianne Spence (Williamsburg and Gloucester) won the award for the Best Standard Daffodil. Best Bloom went to Dolley Madison Garden Club. The Quad Blue was awarded to the Garden Club of Alexandria for their Echo design, the Handshake.

1: Lois Spencer (Northern Neck) won the Tri-Color for her Floor Design.

2: Sally Travis (Leesburg Garden Club) won the Hunter Hankins Savage Award for Best Arrangement by a Novice

3: ADS Gold Ribbon Best Standard Daffodil. Dianne Spence (Williamsburg and Gloucester)







Lily Show



The lilies were magnificent at the 2017 Lily Show sponsored by the Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula, whose theme for the show was "Let's Celebrate with Lilies." There were 54 exhibitors and 154 stems in the show. Laura Anne Brooks (Middle Peninsula) won the Gertrude Cody Minter Award and the GCV Open Sweepstakes Award with her 11 Blue Ribbons. The Quad Blue, or the best of the Inter Club arrangements, was won by the Princess Anne Garden Club for

their Creative Mass arrangement. The Tri-Color award, which is given to the best arrangement in the individual classes, and the Most Creative award was presented to Peyton Wells (Tuckahoe) for her beautiful Functional Table Design.

GCV President Nina Mustard

(Williamsburg) and Helen Murphy (Northern Neck), winner of the Virginia Ewers Queitzsch Memorial Bowl for three like stems of the same species, variety or cultivar, pictured below.





Board of Governors and Annual Meetings

The 2016 Board of Governors host club, the Princess Anne Garden Club, led us on "A Walk in the Park" in recognition of our long-standing relationship with Virginia State Parks. As the meeting opened, a proclamation from the City of Virginia Beach declared Oct. 19, 2016, Garden Club of Virginia Day. Attendees met for roundtable discussions and listened as Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources Molly



The Princess Anne Garden Club

Ward spoke with enthusiasm about the work of the Garden Club of Virginia and for the ongoing partnership with Virginia State Parks.



Annual Meeting 2017 host club Rappahannock Valley Garden Club chose "Roots of Restoration," a fitting theme for Fredericksburg, home of the Garden Club of Virginia's first restoration project at Kenmore. Paul Lacy, Conservation and Environmental Studies fellow presented his research "Native and Invasive Aquatic Plant Species in Virginia Trout Streams" and John Bartram (portrayed by Kirk Brown) botanist to the Founding Fathers, presented a program incorporating the history of his botanical work in early America and the work of the Garden Club of Virginia.

Kirk Brown as John Bartram

Tricia Garner (GCV Recording Secretary) and Tricia McDaniel co-chaired the 2016 Board of Governors meeting.



97th Board of Governors co-chairman Nancy Baillio and Princess Anne GC President Pat Proctor.

Secretary of Natural Resources Molly Ward









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