



WELCOME TO THE ONE HUNDREDTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Garden Club of the Northern Neck heartily welcomes you to our ‘Neck’ of Virginia, “Where Nature Speaks to Your Soul.” Historic Stratford Hall and Westmoreland State Park are the sites for this Centennial Event to be held Tuesday, October 15 through Thursday, October 17, 2019. Accommodations will be available at both sites. We offer you a rare opportunity to explore these two historic gems of Virginia.

Registration and business meetings will take place at Stratford Hall’s Council House, with the Board meeting held in the DuPont Library. On Tuesday, Ingleside Winery will be the site of our Dutch Treat Event, themed *The Neck is Our Oyster*. Wednesday evening’s festivities will begin with cocktails at Murphy Hall, Westmoreland State Park. Cocktails will be followed by GCV’s Awards Banquet, *Under the Stars at Stratford*, held on the grounds of Stratford Hall. Transportation will be provided for these evening affairs.

The Executive Chef of the Stratford Hall Dining Room will offer breakfast Wednesday and Thursday mornings, and a buffet lunch on Wednesday prior to the business meeting. A log cabin structure, originally built in 1937, the Dining Room has rustic charm in a woodland setting.

Optional activities, (Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning) available at Stratford Hall include: a tour of the Great House, a visit to the old Grist Mill and exploration of the East Garden, a GCV restoration. On Wednesday morning Will Rieley will be in the East Garden to highlight important aspects of this restoration project. At Westmoreland State Park visitors will have the opportunity to visit the newly renovated Discovery Center. A ranger in attendance will describe the transformation made possible by a grant from GCV through the Centennial Project. The many trails at the Park offer a peaceful discourse with nature for all levels of trekkers.

Transportation will not be provided for these activities. Stratford Hall and Westmoreland State Park are a mere two miles apart, with no stop lights and only two stop signs. We encourage you to wear comfortable shoes for the entire BOG Event.

The Garden Club of the Northern Neck is honored to host this historic event. We hope you depart with Nature *truly* having spoken to your soul.

Sincerely,

Lois Spencer and Jan Schuler
Host Club Chairs